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AT A SESSION BEGUN AT TRENTON ON THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF  
OCTOBER SEVENTEEN HUNDRED NINETY-SIX, AND  
CONTINUED BY ADJOURNMENTS.

BEING THE FIRST SITTING.

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THE NATIONAL

GENERAL ASSURANCE

COMPANY

OF THE CITY OF LONDON

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT

IN THE YEAR 1775

AND OF THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX



LIST of Persons returned as MEMBERS of the LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL.

The Honourable	{	Bergen,	JOHN OUTWATER,	} Esquires.
		Essex,	JOHN CONDIT,	
		Middlesex,	SAMUEL F. RANDOLPH,	
		Monmouth,	ELISHA WALTON,	
		Somerset,	JAMES LINN, v. p.	
		Burlington,	JOHN BLACK,	
		Gloucester,	JOSEPH COOPER,	
		Salem,	THOMAS SINNICKSON,	
		Cape-May,		
		Hunterdon,	JOHN LAMBERT,	
		Morris,	ABRAHAM KITCHELL,	
		Cumberland,	SAMUEL OGDEN,	
		Suffex,	CHARLES BEARDSLEE.	

LIST of Persons returned as MEMBERS of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

{	Bergen,	Peter Ward,	} Esquires.
		Jacob Terhune,	
		Henry Berry,	
	Essex,	Elias Dayton,	
		Jonas Wade,	
		Abraham Speer,	
	Middlesex,	James Morgan,	
		Thomas M'Dowell,	
		Joseph F. Randolph,	
	Monmouth,	Joseph Stillwell,	
		James H. Imlay, <i>Speaker</i> ,	
		William Wickoff,	
	Somerset,	Henry Southard,	
		Peter DeVroom,	
		James VanDuyn,	
	Burlington,	Samuel Hough,	
		Stacy Biddle,	
		William Coxe, jun.	
	Gloucester,	Abel Clement,	
		Samuel French,	
		Thomas Somers,	
	Salem,	William Wallace,	
		William Parret,	
		Gervas Hall,	
	Cape-May,		
	Hunterdon,	Benjamin Vancleve,	
		Simon Wyckoff,	
		Stephen Burrows,	
	Morris,	Silas Condict,	
		David Welsh,	
		John Cobb,	
	Cumberland,	David Moore,	
		Jonathan Bowen,	
		James Harris,	
	Suffex,	William M'Cullough,	
		Peter Sharps,	
		Peter Smith,	

returned as representatives, being qualified by the said Silas Condict, took their seats in the house.

The members adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten of the clock.

*Wednesday, October 26, 1796.*

The members met.

William Wikoff, returned as one of the representatives for the county of Monmouth, James Morgan, as one of the representatives for the county of Middlesex, and James VanDuyn, as one of the representatives for the county of Somerset, appeared in the house and produced the respective certificates of their election, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by Mr. Condict, who was appointed for that purpose, they took their seats in the house, and having rendered to the house excuses for their non-attendance before this time, the same was deemed satisfactory.

The members proceeded to the appointment of a speaker, when James H. Imlay was chosen and took the chair.

The house proceeded to the election of a clerk, when Maskell Ewing was unanimously chosen.

Maskell Ewing attended, and after taking the oath of allegiance, and also an oath for the faithful discharge of his office, he took his seat as clerk.

*Resolved*, That David Wrighter be door-keeper to this house during the present session.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Berry do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the House of Assembly have this day proceeded to business, and have chosen James H. Imlay their speaker.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Wade, Coxe and Condict, be a committee to bring forward a draught of rules and regulations for the better government of the house.

Mr. Outwater, from Council, informed the house that a sufficient number of members of Council have met, elected the honourable James Linn, Esquire, vice-president, and proceeded to business.

Mr. Berry reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Elijah Townsend attended the house and produced a certificate that he had been duly elected as a representative from the county of Cape-May, which was signed by Jacob Godfrey, judge, Joseph Wheaton, Elijah Shaw and Elijah Godfrey, inspectors, which was read.

Eleazer Hand also attended and produced a certificate that he had been duly elected as a representative of the county of Cape-May, which was signed by Robert Schenck and Uriah Smith, inspectors of the election, which was read; whereupon,

Mr. Hand laid before the house a remonstrance against the proceedings of Jacob Godfrey, who was judge of the said election, with a certificate from two of the inspectors, and the affidavit of the three clerks.

William Worth appeared before the house and delivered a state of the votes taken in the several precincts of the county of Cape-May on the respective days of the election, and a paper, signed by Jacob Godfrey, said to be a true statement



of real facts as to his conduct respecting the opening and holding the general election in the county of Cape-May, which were also read ; whereupon,

The following question was taken :

Does it appear from the documents before the house that Mr. Townsend is duly elected ?

Which, being put, was unanimously determined in the negative.

The house adjourned until three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Vancleve, Hough and Southard, be a committee to examine the minutes of the last sitting, and to report the business that was referred or remains unfinished.

William Wallace, returned as one of the representatives for the county of Salem, and Thomas Somers, returned as one of the representatives for the county of Gloucester, appeared in the house and produced the respective certificates of their election, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed, and being duly sworn by the speaker, they took their seats in the house, and having rendered to the house excuses for their non-attendance before this time, the same were deemed satisfactory.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the Treasurer, informing the house that there is in the treasury office £.14,117 4s. od. loan-office money, cancelled by the boards of justices and freeholders in the several counties, which was read ; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Stillwell, Bowen and M'Cullough, or any two of them, be a committee to join a committee of Council, for the purpose of examining and burning the cancelled money in the treasury, and that Mr. Bowen do wait on the Council and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of this house for that purpose.

One other paragraph in the letter above referred to, informed the house that the commissioners of the county of Cumberland have sent with the cancelled money, £.169 11s. od. specie, which he has exchanged for them into loan-office money, but as it is not cancelled, he could not receive it as a part of the principal loaned in said county without the particular order of the legislature ; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. M'Dowell, Clement and Sharps be a committee to prepare and present a bill, directing how the same shall be cancelled, and to provide for cases of a similar nature in future.

The house took into consideration the certificate that Eleazer Hand had been duly elected as a representative for the county of Cape-May, and the several affidavits and documents accompanying the same ; whereupon, it was moved that the house resolve,

That it appears from the testimony before the house, that the said Eleazer Hand has been duly elected as a representative of the county of Cape-May.

On the question, Whether the House agree to the said resolution ? It was carried in the negative ; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the speaker issue a warrant for a new election in the county of Cape-May.

Mr. Bowen reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Vancleve, from the committee appointed to examine the minutes of the last sitting, and to report the business that was referred, or which remained unfinished, brought in the following report :



1. The bill, intitled, "An act to supply the testament and last will of Thomas Webber," referred to be read on the 27th October instant.

2. The bill, intitled, "An act to enable the inhabitants of the townships in the several counties of this state to repair their highways by hire," referred to this sitting.

3. The bill, intitled, "An act directing a more uniform mode of election," referred to this sitting.

4. The bill, intitled, "An act to alter the mode of maintaining Carpenter's, or the upper bridge over Mantua-Creek, in the county of Gloucester," referred to this sitting.

5. The report of Mr. Thompson, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the executors and legatees named in the last will and testament of Samuel Lippincott, deceased, referred to this sitting.

6. The bill, intitled, "A supplement to the act, intitled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadows, swamps and low-lands on the river Passaick, and its several branches between the Little-Falls and the mill-dam at Chatham, to break up the reefs near said falls, and to dig canals for the more effectual draining said lands, and to raise money for that purpose," postponed.

7. The bill, intitled, "An act the better to procure the impartial administration of justice," ordered a second reading.

8. The report of Mr. Vancleve of the second of March last, on the petition of Ann Dougherty, postponed.

9. The bill, intitled, "An act for the sale of property in the town of Pater-son," postponed.

10. The report of Mr. Boyd and others on the petition of Joseph Reading, ordered a second reading.

11. The petition from Trenton, praying a repeal of the law which lays a tax on stages passing through this state," ordered a second reading.

12. The bill, intitled, "An act constituting and supporting primary schools of education throughout the state," postponed.

13. The bill, intitled, "A supplementary act to the act, intitled, "An act to empower the governor of this state to incorporate a company to build a toll-bridge over Ancocas Creek," and the memorial against the same, referred to the second Thursday of this sitting.

14. The bill, intitled, "An act for procuring an accurate map of the state," postponed.

15. The report of Mr. Haring, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Jacob VanHouten, ordered a second reading.

16. The petition from Newark, in the county of Essex, praying a repeal of the law which lays a tax on stages passing through this state, ordered a second reading.

17. The report of Mr. Imlay, of the 13th November last, ordered a second reading.

18. The report of Mr. Frazer, of the 16th of February last, ordered a second reading.

19. The memorial of Jasper Smith, of the 12th of November last, ordered a second reading.

20. The petition from Cumberland county, praying that the laws of the state may be so altered, as that common cases of assault and battery may be tried and determined by a justice of the peace, ordered a second reading.

21. The letter from the treasurer of the 23d November last, referred.

22. A petition from James Brooks, of the county of Hunterdon, stating that



he had been wounded in the service of the United States, by which he has been considerably disabled, and praying that he may have the relief and assistance the law directs extended unto him, ordered a second reading.

23. The petitioners praying for a law to permit them to build bridges over the rivers Passaick and Hackensack, have leave to present a bill on the second Wednesday of this sitting.

24. The report of Mr. Southard on the petition of Jacobus Post, of the 24th February last, was referred to this sitting.

25. The report of Mr. Imlay, of the 25th of March last, referred with the papers.

26. The report of Mr. Frazer, of the 21st of November last, ordered a second reading.

By order of the committee,

BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

*Ordered*, That the said report be read a second time.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten of the clock.

*Thursday, October 27, 1796.*

The house met.

Mr. Wade, from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported rules and regulations for the government of the house, which were read and agreed to.

Mr. Randolph, from Council, informed the house that Council had appointed Messrs. Lambert and Black, or either of them, a committee to join the committee of the House of Assembly for the purpose of examining and burning the cancelled money in the treasury.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Burrowes wait on the Council, and inform them that this house is ready to go into a joint-meeting to appoint a governor and other state officers, and request the Council to appoint the time and place of meeting.

*Ordered*, That the clerk of this house procure a complete set of the acts of Congress for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. Burrowes reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Peter DeVroom, returned as one of the representatives of the county of Somerset, appeared in the house and produced the certificate of his election, which was read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the speaker, he took his seat in the house, and having rendered an excuse for his non-attendance before this time, the same was deemed satisfactory.

Mr. Condit, from Council, informed the house that Council will be ready to go into a joint-meeting to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock in the Assembly Room, for the purpose of appointing a governor and other state officers.

The report of Mr. Vancleve, from the committee appointed to examine the minutes of the last sitting; and report the business that was referred or remains unfinished, was read a second time, and the papers referred to in the report marked No. 2, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7, No. 8, No. 9, No. 10, No. 11, No. 12, No. 13 and No. 14, were severally read and ordered a second reading.



The papers marked No. 3 and No. 4, were read and dismissed.

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said report be postponed.

The house adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

The house resumed the consideration of the report of unfinished business.

The paper marked No. 15, containing the report of Mr. Haring, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Van Houten, was read, the report agreed to, and leave given to the petitioner to present a bill to answer the prayer of his petition.

The paper marked No. 16 was read and ordered a second reading.

The paper marked No. 17, containing the report of Mr. Imlay, of the 13th of November last, on the petitions of Thomas Talmage and Hezekiah Smith, was read, the report agreed to, and the petitions dismissed.

The paper marked No. 18, containing the report of Mr. Frazer, of the 16th of February last, on the application of Hannah Henry for the amount of her late husband's half-pay, was read and committed to Messrs. Dayton, Parret, Moore, McDowell and Welsh.

The paper marked No. 19, containing the memorial of Jasper Smith, was read and ordered a second reading.

The paper marked No. 20, containing a petition from Cumberland county, praying that the laws of the state may be so altered as that common cases of assault and battery may be tried and determined by a justice of the peace, was read and ordered a second reading.

The paper marked No. 21, containing a letter from the treasurer of the 23d of November last, was read and committed to Messrs. Ward, W. Wikoff and Morgan.

The paper marked No. 22, containing the petition from James Brooks, was read and ordered a second reading.

The petitions from Trenton and Newark, praying a repeal of the law which lays a tax on stages passing through this state, were read a second time and committed to Messrs. DeVroom, Burrowes and Cobb.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Stillwell, Berry and Randolph, be a committee to prepare and present a bill for defraying incidental charges.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Condict, Wade and Coxe, be a committee to examine and correct the minutes of the house.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Southard, Hall, Harris, Welsh and Smith, or any three of them, be a committee to join a committee of Council for the purpose of settling the accounts of the Treasurer, and that Mr. Clement wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of this house for that purpose.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. French, Speer and VanDuyn, be a committee to prepare and present a bill for the support of government.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Wallace, S. Wyckoff and Somers, be a committee to prepare and present a bill for raising a tax for the year ensuing.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten of the clock.



Friday, October 28, 1796.

The house met.

The speaker laid before the house a copy of the journals of the Senate of the United States in the first session of the fourth Congress, which was ordered to be placed in the library.

Jacob Terhune, returned as one of the representatives of the county of Bergen, appeared in the house and produced the certificate of his election, which was read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the speaker, he took his seat in the house, and having rendered an excuse for his non-attendance before this time, the same was deemed satisfactory.

The bill, intituled, "An act to enable the inhabitants of the townships in the several counties of this state to repair their highways by hire, and to raise money for that purpose," was read a second time.

On the question, Whether the blank in the 3d section, relative to the compensation of the overseer, be filled up with the word *fix*? It was carried in the negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Berry,	Morgan,	Bowen,	Ward,
Burrowes,	Parret,	Clement,	Welsh,
Cobb,	Sharps,	Condict,	S. Wyckoff,
Coxe,	Smith,	French,	W. Wikoff.
M'Cullough,	Speer,	Harris,	
Dayton,	Terhune,	Moore,	
DeVroom,	Vancleve,	Randolph,	
M'Dowell,	VanDuyn,	Stillwell,	
Hall,	Wade,	Somers,	
Hough,	Wallace.	Southard,	

*Ordered*, That the blank be fixed up with the word *seven*, and that the bill be committed to Messrs. Vancleve, Stillwell, Condict, Wade and Southard.

Mr. Clement, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioners, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act concerning the banks, dams, sluices, drains and water courses of a certain body of meadow, swamp and cripple, situate on Oldman's-Creek, in the township of Woolwich, in the county of Gloucester, and lying between the upper corner of Samuel Hewes's land, on said creek, and an old bank in the line of Samuel Harrison's land," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

The Petition from Cumberland county, praying that the laws of the state may be so altered, as that common cases of assault and battery may be tried and determined by a justice of the peace, was read a second time and dismissed.

The paper marked No. 8, of the unfinished business, containing the report of Mr. Vancleve, of the second of March last, on the petition of Ann Dougherty, was read a second time, the report disagreed to, and the petition dismissed.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Coxe, Wade and William Wikoff, be a committee to examine the existing laws of New-York on the subject of the payment of the debts of fugitives and offenders, whose estates were forfeited to the state of New-York during the late war.

Mr. Clement reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Walton, from Council, informed the house that Council have appointed Mr. Condit and Mr. Black, or either of them, a committee to join the committee of the House of Assembly for the purpose of settling the accounts of the treasurer.

The members withdrew to attend a joint-meeting, and being returned, the speaker resumed the chair, and then

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten of the clock.

*Saturday, October 29, 1796.*

The house met.

A petition from Peter Brown, drum-major of general Bloomfield's brigade, stating, that in consequence of his services on the late expedition, he has been rendered very infirm and unable to provide for himself, and praying relief, was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Rebecca Williams, stating that there are lands, late of John Williams, forfeited to, and vested in this state, and which were by the said John Williams, in his testament and last will, left to the petitioner, the daughter of the said John Williams, and praying that the Legislature would grant to her the said lands, or such part thereof as to them may seem proper; which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Hough and Terhune.

A petition from the executors of the testament and last will of Robert Lewis, praying that a law may pass to confirm the testament and last will of the said Robert Lewis—it having been executed in Pennsylvania, and in the presence of only two subscribing witnesses, was read and ordered a second reading.

The petition from James Brooks, of the county of Hunterdon, stating that he had been wounded in the service of the United States, by which he has been considerably disabled, and praying that he may have the relief and assistance the law directs, extended unto him, was read a second time.

A petition from William Finley, on the same subject, was presented, read, and committed to the committee of claims.

A petition from Sarah Dorum, praying an allowance of the half-pay of her late husband, who died in the service of the United States, with an adjudication of half-pay from the court of Gloucester county, was read and committed to the committee of claims.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Dayton, Terhune, S. Wyckoff, Morgan, DeVroom, Condict, M'Cullough, Coxe, Clement, Stillwell, Hall and Bowen, be a committee to devise ways and means for carrying into effect the law for the punishment of crimes.

The memorial of Jasper Smith, of the 12th of November last, was read a second time and dismissed.



The bill, intituled, "An act for the sale of property in the town of Paterson," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Wade, Moore and Randolph.

The paper, in the report of unfinished business, marked No. 24, containing the report of Mr. Southard on the petition of Jacobus Post, of the 24th of February last, was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for constituting and supporting schools of education throughout the state," was read a second time; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be referred to a committee of the whole house on Monday next.

The house adjourned till Monday morning, ten of the clock.

*Monday, October 31, 1796.*

The house met.

Mr. Sinnickson, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to prescribe the manner of appointing senators of the United States, and electors of the president and vice-president of the United States, on the part of this state;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Agreeably to order, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill, intituled, "An act for establishing and supporting schools of education throughout the state," Mr. Dayton in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the speaker resumed the chair, and the chairman reported that the committee had gone through the bill, and recommended that the said bill should be referred to a select committee; to which the house agreed.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to Messrs. DeVroom, Ward, Moore, Clement and Speer.

The house adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Wade, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act for the sale of property in the town of Paterson," reported the same with sundry amendments and the following title: "An act for appointing commissioners to make sale of property belonging to this state in the stock of the society for establishing useful manufactures;" which bill was read and the further consideration thereof postponed.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That Gershom Craft be employed as an engrossing clerk during the present session of the legislature—that all bills ordered to be engrossed shall be delivered by the clerks of Council and Assembly unto the said Gershom Craft, to be carefully engrossed, and by him re-delivered in at the table of the respective houses as soon as possible; and that the Legislature will provide for a compensation to the said Gershom Craft for his services.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Cobb do carry the said resolution to Council for concurrence.

Mr. Cobb reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to prescribe



the manner of appointing senators of the United States, and electors of the president and vice-president of the United States, on the part of this state," was read a second time; debated and ordered a third reading.

The speaker laid before the house an address from the trustees of the College of New-Jersey, returning their respectful and thankful acknowledgements to the Legislature for the seasonable aid granted at the last session to the institution under their care, which was read and ordered to be filed.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to prescribe the manner of appointing senators of the United States, and electors of the president and vice-president of the United States, on the part of this state," was read a third time—

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Condict wait on the Council and inform them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten of the clock.

*Tuesday, November 1, 1796.*

The house met.

Stacy Biddle, returned as one of the representatives of the county of Burlington, appeared in the house and produced a certificate of his election, which was read, approved and ordered to be filed, and, being duly qualified by the speaker, he took his seat in the house, and having rendered an excuse for his non-attendance before this time, the same was deemed satisfactory.

Mr. Condict reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. McDowell, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for striking and making current one hundred thousand pounds in bills of credit, to be let out on loan, and directing the mode for sinking the same," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Vancleve, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act to enable the inhabitants of the townships in the several counties of this state to repair their highways by hire, and to raise money for that purpose," reported the same with sundry amendments and the following title: "An act to enable the inhabitants of the townships in the several counties of this state to repair their highways by hire;" which bill was read, and being further amended in the house, was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Black, from Council, informed the house that Council have concurred in the resolution appointing Gershom Craft as an engrossing clerk during the present session.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning the banks, dams, sluices, drains and water courses of a certain body of meadow, swamp and cripple, situate on Old-man's-Creek, in the township of Wolwich, in the county of Gloucester, and lying between the upper corner of Samuel Hewes's land, on said creek, and an old bank in the line of Samuel Harrison's land," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. French, Harris and Sharps.

The petition from Peter Brown, read on the 29th ultimo, was read a second time and referred to the committee of claims.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Biddle, S. Wyckoff and Berry, be a committee to prepare and present a bill to regulate the election of representatives of this state in the Congress of the United States.

The report of Mr. Thompson, of the 18th of March last, on the petition of the executors and legatees named in the last will and testament of Samuel Lippencott, deceased, was read a second time, the report agreed to, and leave given to the petitioners to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petition.

The house adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

Several petitions from persons confined for debt were read, praying that a law may pass for the relief of insolvent debtors.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to Messrs. Dayton, VanDuyn and Welsh.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. DeVroom and Burrowes be added to the committee to whom was referred the paper marked No. 21, of the unfinished business reported by Mr. Vancleve.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for striking and making current one hundred thousand pounds in bills of credit, to be let out on loan, and directing the mode for sinking the same," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten of the clock.

*Wednesday, November 2, 1796.*

The house met.

Mr. Wallace, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act to raise the sum of fifteen thousand pounds for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven," which was read and ordered a second reading.

Sundry petitions from persons confined for debt, were read, praying that a law may pass for the relief of insolvent debtors.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to Messrs. Dayton, VanDuyn and Welsh.

A remonstrance, from a number of the inhabitants of Somerset, against passing a bill to alter the place of holding the courts in the said county, was read and ordered to be filed.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Rebecca Williams, reported,

**T**HAT it appears to your committee the commissioners and agent of forfeited estates for the county of Monmouth have sold, for the use of the state, all the property that came to their knowledge belonging to John Williams, of said county, who took refuge with the army of the king of Great-Bri-



tain during the late war ; and as it is set forth in said petition that there are yet lands unfold, formerly the property of said Williams, in the hands of persons who hold the same, whereby the state, as well as the family, is unjustly kept out of them, and the petitioner praying that the right of the state may be vested in her to prosecute for the same ; it is therefore the opinion of your committee, that the petitioner have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of her petition, she paying one third of what shall be received to the treasurer for the use of the state.

By order of the committee,  
JOSEPH STILLWELL.

*Ordered*, That the said report be read a second time.

The said report was read a second time and considered.

*Ordered*, That the house agree thereto, and that the petitioner have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of her petition.

Mr. French, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act for the support of government of the state of New-Jersey ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Newton, in the county of Suffex, praying that a law may be passed to direct a division of the said township, was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act the better to procure the impartial administration of justice in this state," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the support of government of the state of New-Jersey," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Biddle, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, for this state," which was read and ordered a second reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the applicants for leave to build bridges over the rivers Passaick and Hackinsack, appeared before the house, and alledged that they were not prepared to go into a hearing on the subject matter before them, and prayed a postponement of the business—to which the house agreed.

*Ordered*, That the parties for and against the application be heard before the house on the third Tuesday of November instant, or, should the Legislature not be in session at that time, the hearing to be had on the second Tuesday of the next sitting of the Legislature, and the applicants are hereby directed to serve the president of the Board of Proprietors of the Bridges over the rivers Passaick and Hackinsack with a copy of this order at least ten days previous thereto.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to lay out a road on the southerly side of Cohanscy-Creek, in the county of Cumberland, and to establish a ferry across the said creek,

from the town of Greenwich to the said road," passed 28th of June, 1766, was read a second time ; whereupon,

The speaker laid before the house a remonstrance from the inhabitants of Cumberland county against the passing of the said bill, which was read.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, and the remonstrances against it, be referred to Messrs. Moore, Parret and Cobb.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from Walter Ker Cole, Esq. who was appointed by the Legislature to take charge of the barracks in New-Brunswick, which was read and referred to Messrs. Randolph, Somers and Wyckoff.

A petition from a number of the citizens of the city of Trenton, praying leave to present a bill to authorize the mayor, recorder and aldermen to hold a court of quarter sessions within the said city, was read, and leave given to present a bill agreeably to the prayer of the said petition ; whereupon,

Mr. Vancleve presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to incorporate a part of the township of Trenton, in the county of Hunterdon," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten of the clock.

*Thursday, November 3, 1796.*

The house met.

Mr. Moore, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to lay out a road on the southerly side of Cohansey-Creek, in the county of Cumberland, and establish a ferry across the said creek, from the town of Greenwich to the said road," passed the 28th June, 1766, reported,

**T**HAT having duly considered the bill, with the remonstrances accompanying the same, are of opinion, that it is not expedient to alter the rates of the ferriage at this time ; but as the proprietors of said ferry are willing to exonerate the lessee, agreeably to his wish, and to give the parties opportunity for accommodation, it is the opinion of your committee, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed till the next sitting of the Legislature.

By order of the committee,

DAVID MOORE.

To which the house agreed.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee appointed to devise ways and means to carry into effect the law for the punishment of crimes, reported,

**T**HAT in the opinion of your committee, provision ought to be made by the Legislature for securing to the state the salutary effects contemplated by the said law, by erecting a suitable building for confining and employing convicts, under the said law, during the term of their respective sentences ; that such building ought to be so situated and constructed as to answer for all parts of the state, and that provision ought to be made by law for transporting, confining and employing convicts, from the several counties of the state, under proper officers, regulations and restrictions—For completing an object so desirable and important to the community, we recommend that a committee be appointed to consult with competent artificers, and report to the house their opinion as to the size and construction of such building, and to make an estimate of the sum of money probably necessary to be appropriated for that pur-



pose, and that the house determine in what part of the state the said building shall be placed.

By order of the committee,

ELIAS DAYTON.

*Ordered*, That the said report be read a second time.

Mr. French, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act concerning the bank, dams, sluices, drains and water courses of a certain body of meadow, swamp and cripple, situate on Oldman's-Creek, in the township of Woolwich, in the county of Gloucester, and laying between the upper corner of Samuel Hewes's land, on said creek, and an old bank in the line of Samuel Harrison's land," reported the same with sundry amendments and the following title: "An act concerning a certain body of meadow, swamp and cripple, situate on Oldman's-Creek, in the township of Woolwich, in the county of Gloucester, between the upper corner of Samuel Hewes's land, on said creek, and an old bank in the line of Samuel Harrison's land," which was read, and being further amended in the house, was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Biddle, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioners, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of meadow, lying on the north branch of Pensawkin-Creek, in the county of Burlington, to rebuild and maintain a bank, dam and necessary water-works to stop the tide out of the said creek, and to keep the water course thereof open and clear," which bill was read and committed to Messrs. Biddle, Bowen and VanDuyn.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. DeVroom, Burrowes and Smith, be a committee to join a committee of Council for the purpose of settling the accounts of Benjamin Smith, Esq. commissioner, appointed by law to build suitable offices for the secretary and clerk of the supreme court, and also the accounts of the commissioners appointed by law to erect suitable accommodations for the Legislature, and that Mr. Coxe do wait on the Council and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of this house for that purpose.

The petition from the executors, &c. of Robert Lewis, read on the 29th of October last, was read a second time, and leave given to the petitioners to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petition; whereupon,

Mr. Hough presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act to confirm and establish the testament and last will of Robert Lewis, late of the township of Lower-Dublin, in the county of Philadelphia; and commonwealth of Pennsylvania, miller, deceased," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to enable the inhabitants of the townships in the several counties of this state to repair their highways by hire," was read and compared—

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Biddle,	McCullough,	Moore,	Somers,
Bowen,	Dayton,	Morgan,	Southard,
Burrowes,	McDowell,	Parret,	Vancleve,
Clement,	French,	Randolph,	DeVroom,
Cobb,	Hall,	Sharps,	Wade,
Condict,	Harris,	Smith,	Wallace,
Coxe,	Hough,	Stillwell,	Ward,

Yeas.  
Welsh,  
S. Wyckoff,

Yeas.  
W. Wikoff.

Nays.  
Berry,  
Speer,

Nays.  
Terhune,  
VanDuyn.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. M'Cullough do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

The house adjourned until three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Biddle, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of meadow, lying on the north branch of Pensawkin-Creek, in the county of Burlington, to rebuild and maintain a bank, dam and necessary water-works to stop the tide out of said creek, and to keep the water course thereof open and clear," reported the same with fundry amendments, which was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for striking and making current one hundred thousand pounds in bills of credit, to be let out on loan, and directing the mode for sinking the same," was read and compared—

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dayton do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

Mr. Randolph, from the committee to whom was referred the letter from Walter Ker Cole, relative to the barracks in the city of New-Brunswick, reported,

**T**HAT, in the opinion of your committee, it would be proper for the house to enter into the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That Walter Ker Cole, commissioner, appointed to take charge of the barracks in New-Brunswick, and to lease them out, be, and he is hereby directed to sell the ruins of the said barracks at public sale, after having advertised the same in the public news-papers printed in the said city for at least one week previous to the day of sale, and that he pay the net proceeds to the treasurer for the use of the state by the first day of February next, after deducting per cent. for his trouble.

By order of the committee,

JOSEPH RANDOLPH.

*Ordered*, That the said report be read a second time.

The members withdrew to attend a joint-meeting, and being returned, the speaker resumed the chair, and then

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten of the clock.

*Friday, November 4, 1796.*

The house met.

Mr. M'Cullough reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Dayton reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Cox reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.



The report of Mr. Randolph of yesterday, with the resolution therein contained, was read a second time, the blank therein ordered to be filled up with the word *seven*, and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That Mr. M'Dowell do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Cooper, from Council, informed the house that Council have appointed Mr. Sinnickson, on the part of Council, to join the committee of the House of Assembly for the purpose of settling the accounts of Benjamin Smith, Esq. and the commissioners for erecting suitable accommodations for the Legislature.

Mr. M'Dowell reported, that he had obeyed the order of the House.

Mr. DeVroom, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act for constituting and supporting schools of education throughout the state," reported the same with sundry amendments, which were read.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be recommitted to the same committee, and that Messrs. Southard and Coxe be added to the committee.

The Speaker laid before the house certain charges exhibited against Constant Somers, one of the justices of the peace of the county of Gloucester, which were read and committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Condict and Hough to report thereon.

The speaker laid before the house certain charges exhibited against James Williams, one of the justices of the peace of the county of Gloucester, which were read and committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Condict and Hough to report thereon.

Mr. Lambert, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, "An act giving relief to creditors where prisoners for debt escape or die," to which he requested the concurrence of this house; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kitchell, from Council, informed the house that Council have concurred in the resolution authorizing Walter Ker Cole to sell the ruins of the barracks in the city of New-Brunswick, and to account to the treasurer.

The house adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Wade, agreeably to leave given, and on behalf of the petitioners, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act to authorize and empower the owners and proprietors of the land on the east branch of Rahway-River, to clear out the said river from the bridge near the house of John Meeker, to the bridge above the land of William Reeves," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of meadows lying on the north branch of Pensawkin-Creek, in the county of Burlington, to rebuild and maintain a bank, dam and necessary water-works to stop the tide out of the said creek, and to keep the water course thereof open and clear," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Stillwell, agreeably to leave given, and on behalf of the petitioners, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act for transferring such part of the confiscated estate of John Williams, of the county of Monmouth, which remains unsold, and as is bequeathed in his last will and testament to his daughter Rebecca Williams," which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. DeVroom, from the committee appointed to join the committee of

Council for the purpose of examining the account and vouchers of Benjamin Smith, commissioner for building the secretary's office and office of the clerk of the supreme court, appointed by a law of this state, passed the 4th day of March, 1795, reported,

**T**HAT they have examined the same since the former settlement, and that the said commissioner hath expended, in finishing the said offices, the sum of three hundred and ten pounds, nine shillings and eleven-pence, as per vouchers, from No. 1 to No. 35, inclusive; that the said commissioner hath received of the treasurer, one hundred and twenty pounds; that he hath sold sundry articles belonging to the state, to the amount of twenty pounds twelve shillings and nine-pence, and that there remains a balance due the said commissioner of one hundred and sixty-nine pounds seventeen shillings and two-pence.

THOMAS SINNICKSON,  
PETER DEVROOM,  
STEPHEN BURROWES,  
PETER SMITH.

*Ordered,* That the said report be read a second time.

Mr. Ogden, from Council, informed the house that Council have appointed Mr. Walton and Mr. Cooper a committee, on the part of Council, to join a committee of the House of Assembly to examine the several bills compiled by William Paterson, Esq. and presented to Council; that the committee report their opinion which of the said bills require the attention of the Legislature this session, and the distribution of the said bills between the respective houses; whereupon,

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Dayton, Biddle and Bowen, be a committee to join the committee of Council for the purpose in their message expressed, and that Mr. French do wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from William Paterson, Esq. on the subject of the compilation of the laws, which was read and ordered to be filed.

The members withdrew to attend a joint-meeting, and being returned, the speaker resumed the chair, and then

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten of the clock.

*Saturday, November 5, 1796.*

The house met.

Mr. French reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

A petition from the proprietors of the several lines of stages in this state, praying that the law requiring the proprietors of stages to take a licence to run their stages through this state may be repealed, was read and committed to Messrs. DeVroom Burrowes and Cobb.

The bill, intituled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, for this state," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Two petitions from the county of Cumberland, praying a repeal of the f.



section of the act, intituled, "An act concerning the furrogates in the severall counties of this state," were read and committed to Messrs. Wade, Hough and Bowen.

A petition from Benajah Parvin, stating a demand against the state, and praying payment, was read and committed to Messrs. Moore, Wallace and M'Dowell to report thereon.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee to whom was referred the charges exhibited against Constant Somers and James Williams, two of the justices of the county of Gloucester, reported,

**T**HAT it appears to your committee the charges set forth are of such a nature as require the interference of the house, and therefore submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the said Constant Somers and James Williams, two of the justices of the peace for the county of Gloucester, be ordered to appear before this house on \_\_\_\_\_ and that the house prefer an impeachment against them, and be tried by Council for mal-practice and misdemeanor in the execution of their offices respectively.

By order of the committee,

JOSEPH STILLWELL.

*Ordered*, That the said report be read a second time.

The report of Mr. Dayton, from the committee appointed to devise ways and means to carry into effect the law for the punishment of crimes, was read a second time and agreed to; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Vancleve, Condict and Clement be a committee to consult with competent artisans, &c.

Mr. DeVroom, from the committee appointed to join the committee of Council for the purpose of examining the account and vouchers of the commissioners appointed by an act to provide suitable buildings for the accommodation of the Legislature, passed the 22d November, 1791, reported,

**T**HAT they have examined the accounts of the said commissioners since the former settlement, and that the said commissioners have expended in finishing the State-House the sum of seven hundred and twenty-nine pounds ten shillings, as per voucher from 0 to No. 51 inclusive; that the said commissioners have received of the treasurer five hundred pounds; that they have sold sundry articles belonging to the state to the amount of thirty-one pounds seven shillings and eight-pence, and that there remains a balance due to the said commissioners of one hundred and ninety-eight pounds two shillings and four-pence.

THOMAS SINNICKSON,  
PETER DEVROOM,  
STEPHEN BURROWES,  
PETER SMITH,

*Ordered*, That the said report be read a second time.

Mr. Bowen, from the committee appointed to join a committee of Council to burn the cancelled money in the treasury, brought in the following account and report:

*An account of Loan-Office Money paid into the treasury of New-Jersey by the commissioners of the New-Loan-Offices in the several counties, on account of principal money loaned, which has been cancelled by their respective boards of justices and freeholders, agreeably to a law passed November 24, 1788.*

COUNTIES.	120f.	60f.	30f.	15f.	12f.	6f.	3f.	1f.	Amount. £. s. d.		
Bergen,	32	52	54	85	146	51	43	30	603	12	0
Effex,	8	49	101	230	506	149	73	102	883	7	0
Middlesex,	44	67	163	232	377	143	97	75	1170	18	0
Monmouth,	73	94	123	303	685	138	145	128	1612	6	0
Somerfet,	58	72	125	264	536	300	201	121	1397	6	0
Burlington,	29	61	177	408	545	374	396	378	1446	0	0
Gloucester,	6	3	152	274	487	144	106	80	833	16	0
Salem,	11	58	151	251	452	109	57	33	968	17	0
Cape-May,	16	20	37	55	33	5	12	14	276	11	0
Hunterdon,	41	87	277	514	734	236	139	63	1843	4	0
Morris,	28	68	85	131	358	473	522	509	1058	4	0
Cumberland,	2	5	72	103	184	87	36	16	354	19	0
Suffex,	14	44	274	494	906	262	220	100	1657	14	0
	362	680	1791	3344	5949	2471	2047	1649	14,106	14	0

**W**E the committees of both houses do hereby certify, that James Mott, Esq. treasurer, has delivered to us the sum of fourteen thousand one hundred and six pounds fourteen shillings, Loan-Office Money, cancelled in the several counties by their respective boards of justices and freeholders, agreeably to the above statement, which we have examined, counted and burned.

By order of the committee,

JOHN LAMBERT,  
JONATHAN BOWEN,  
JOSEPH STILLWELL.

We do further report, that we found among the cancelled money, from Somerset county, two bills of thirty shillings, and five bills of twelve shillings, counterfeit money, amounting to six pounds, and in the cancelled money from Morris county, we found three bills of thirty shillings, amounting to four pounds ten shillings, counterfeit money, which we separated from the money burnt, and are not included in the above statement; which said counterfeit bills we here present to the house.

By order of the committee,

JOHN LAMBERT,  
JONATHAN BOWEN,  
JOSEPH STILLWELL.

October 31, 1796.

*Ordered,* That the said report be read a second time.

Mr. Ward, agreeably to leave given, and on behalf of the petitioner, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Jacob Van Houten," which was read and ordered a second reading.



The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the support of government of the state of New-Jersey," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

A motion was made that the house determine whether they will continue this sitting until the business of the state is complete, or adjourn and have another sitting at some time hereafter, and the question being put, it was carried for an adjourned sitting; on which the yeas and nays were required by Mr. Stillwell, seconded by Mr. Wade, and are as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Berry,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Cobb,	Mr. Vancleve,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Condict,	Mr. DeVroom,	Mr. Burrowes,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. VanDuyn,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. M'Dowell,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. French,
Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Welsh,	Mr. Hough,
Mr. Somers,	Mr. S. Wyckoff,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Southard,	Mr. W. Wikoff.	Mr. Parret,
Mr. Speer,		Mr. Stillwell.

The house adjourned till Monday morning, ten of the clock.

*Monday, November 7, 1796.*

The house met.

Mr. Wade, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions from the county of Cumberland, praying a repeal of part of the act, intituled, "An act concerning the furrogates in the several counties of this state," reported,

**T**HAT the first section of the before recited act, which prohibits a furrogate, who holds a commission of judge of the court of common pleas, from presiding as judge in the said court, ought to be repealed.

By order of the committee,

JONAS WADE.

*Ordered*, That the said report be read a second time.

The bill, intituled, "An act to empower the governor of the state of New-Jersey to incorporate a company to improve the navigation of the south branch of Great-Timber Creek, in Gloucester county," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Bowen, from the committee appointed to join a committee of Council to examine the bills compiled by Mr. Paterfon, and laid before Council, reported,

**T**HAT the committee are of opinion that all the said bills require the attention of the Legislature as soon as convenient, and that the two houses take them up as follows, viz.

#### C O U N C I L.

An act to prevent forestalling.

An act for relief against heirs and devisees.

An act relating to hawkers, pedlars and petty chapmen.

An act to prevent the use of spirituous liquors at vendues.

An act for suppressing of lotteries.

An act declaring when the death of persons absenting themselves shall be presumed.

An act directing bills of exceptions to be sealed.

### A S S E M B L Y.

An act respecting slaves.

An act to suppress fairs.

An act against usury.

An act against the importation of convicts into this state.

An act respecting servants and apprentices.

An act concerning obligations, and to enable mutual dealers to discount.

An act to prevent gaming.

An act concerning taverns.

By order of the committee,

ELISHA WALTON,  
JONATHAN BOWEN.

To which the house agreed.

The house adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

A petition from the heirs of John Emley, late of the county of Hunterdon, praying that a law may pass to appoint trustees to receive deeds to sell and convey all the real estate of the said John Emley, and to appropriate the money thence arising among the legal representatives according to their respective rights, was read and committed to Messrs. Condict, Vancleve and DeVroom.

Mr. VanDuyn, from the committee to whom was referred the several petitions from prisoners confined for debt, presented a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the support of the government of the state of New-Jersey," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten of the clock.

*Tuesday, November 8, 1796.*

The house met.

Mr. Condict, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of John Emley, deceased, and the papers accompanying the same, reported, **T**HAT, in the opinion of your committee, the peculiar situation of the estate of the said John Emley, deceased, makes legislative aid necessary, and we recommend that the petitioners have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petition.

By order of the committee,

SILAS CONDUCT.



*Ordered*, That the said report be read a second time.

A memorial from Keziah Hunt, late Keziah Lott, widow and executrix of the testament and last will of Gershom Lott, deceased, stating a demand against the state, in consequence of debts due from the estates of fugitives which have been forfeited to and vested in this state, was read and referred to a committee of civil claims, viz. Messrs. Stillwell, M'Dowell, Vancleve, Condict and DeVroom.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, for this state," was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hall do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the support of the government of the state of New-Jersey," and after having gone through the said bill,

*Ordered*, That the same be engrossed.

Mr. Hall reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The report of Mr. Dayton, from the committee appointed to devise ways and means to carry into effect the laws for the punishment of crimes, was taken up;

*Resolved*, That the building for the confinement of convicts in this state be erected at Lamberton, in the county of Burlington.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the joint-committee of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the treasurers accounts, be authorized to cancel the several original certificates specified in the law for the gradual reduction of the state debt, that have been received by the treasurer and funded in pursuance of said law.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hough do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Hough reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting slaves," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to suppress fairs," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act against usury," was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Burrowes, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions from the inhabitants of Newark, the city of Trenton, and the proprietors of the stages running through this state, praying a repeal of the act for raising a revenue from certain stages, ferries and taverns, reported,

**T**HAT, in the opinion of your committee, the said law ought not to be repealed; but that one fourth of the revenue arising from the stages be appropriated to the repairs of the stage road.

By order of the committee,

STEPHEN BURROWES.

*Ordered*, That the said report be read a second time.

Mr. Beardslee, from Council, informed the house that Council had concurred in the resolution authorizing the joint-committee appointed to settle the accounts of the treasurer, to cancel the several original certificates received by the treasurer, and funded in pursuance of the law for the gradual reduction of the state debt.

The report of Mr. Stillwell, from the committee to whom were referred the charges exhibited against Constant Somers and James Williams, was read a second time, and the first paragraph agreed to; to wit, That it appears that the charges set forth are of such a nature as require the interference of the house. The residue of the said report was disagreed to.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten of the clock.

*Wednesday, November 9, 1796.*

The house met.

A memorial from Kenneth Hankinson, referred to in the report of Mr. Inlay of the 5th of March last, was read and committed to Messrs. Southard, Coxe and Wade.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act concerning a certain body of meadow, swamp and cripple, situate on Oldman's-Creek, in the township of Woolwich, in the county of Gloucester," was read and compared—

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Moore do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

Mr. Coxe, in behalf of the petitioners, agreeably to leave given at the last sitting, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act to authorize William Kemble and Zerobabel Gaskell, to build, erect and maintain a dam and grist-mill on a branch of the Dividing-Creeks called Folly-Run, in the township of Downs, in the county of Cumberland," which was read, with a remonstrance from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Cumberland against passing the same.

*Ordered,* That the said bill and remonstrance be read on the third Wednesday of the next sitting.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the secretary of the state, accompanied with a report in writing, agreeably to law, of the progress made in the unfinished business in the register's-office, as reported to the house on the 4th of February last, by which it appears that the whole of the business in arrears has been completed; and also a statement of the probates and letters of administration and guardianship, issued from that office, up to the 1st of October; and also requesting that a committee of both houses might be appointed to inspect the office and confer with him upon some inconveniences resulting from the irregularity of the files, which was read; whereupon,

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Dayton, Biddle and DeVroom be a committee, on the part of this house, to join a committee of Council, to confer with the secretary on the subject of his letter, and that Mr. Parret do wait on the Council and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of this house for that purpose.



Mr. Moore reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the support of the government of the state of New-Jersey," was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morgan do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

The bill, intituled, "An act for transferring such part of the confiscated estate of John Williams, of the county of Monmouth, that remains unsold, and as is bequeathed in his last will and testament to his daughter Rebecca Williams," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Condict, Vancleve and Berry.

The house adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

A petition from Ezekiel Smith and Samuel Quay, stating a demand against the state, and praying payment, was read and referred to the committee of civil claims.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Pleasants, of the city of Philadelphia, reported,

**T**HAT they have examined the petition, with the papers accompanying the same, and are of opinion that the petitioner have leave to present a bill agreeably to the prayer thereof.

By order of the committee.

ELIAS DAYTON.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Coxe, agreeably to leave given, and on behalf of the petitioners, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the grazing of the Five-mile-Beach, in the county of Cape-May, and to prevent the keeping of hogs therein," which was read and ordered a second reading; whereupon,

A remonstrance from Memucan Hughs and Persons Leaming, against passing the said bill, was read and ordered a second reading with the same.

A petition from the trustees of the methodist episcopal church in Shrewsbury, praying the benefit of a lottery to enable them to finish their church, was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the township of Dover, in the county of Monmouth, praying the benefit of a lottery to raise one thousand dollars for the purpose of building a church and school-house, was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Outwater, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for striking and making current one hundred thousand pounds in bills of credit, to be let out on loan, and directing the mode for sinking the same," without amendment.

The house resumed the consideration of the charges exhibited against James Williams and Constant Somers, two of the justices of the peace of the county of Gloucester; whereupon,

A motion was made, that the house go into the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of the house, the conduct and behaviour of James Williams and Constant Somers, two of the justices of the peace in the

county of Gloucester, have been such as justifies an impeachment by the House of Assembly.

On the question, Whether the house agree to the said resolution? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Berry,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Somers,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Cobb,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Condict,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Dayton,	Mr. S. Wyckoff,
Mr. Hough,	Mr. VanDuyn,	Mr. M'Dowell,	Mr. W. Wikoff.
Mr. Moore,	Mr. DeVroom,	Mr. French,	
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. Hall,	
Mr. Parret,	Mr. Ward.	Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Randolph,			

Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Condict, Wade and Coxe, be a committee to draught articles of impeachment against the said James Williams and Constant Somers.

A memorial from the stockholders in the New-Brunswick-Bridge, stating the extraordinary expense to which they had been put in erecting the said bridge, and also the net proceeds of the revenue arising to the stockholders, which does not amount to more than three per cent. and praying that they may have leave to present a bill to authorize them to raise the toll on travellers passing the bridge, and that the time may be extended beyond the ninety-nine years limited in the former law.

*Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petition.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from his Excellency the Governor, inclosing a letter from the secretary of the treasury of the United States, desiring to know whether this state will agree to receive an additional sum, more than eight per centum in one year, on account of both principal and interest of the debt due from the United States to this state, was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten of the clock.

*Thursday, November 10, 1796.*

The house met.

A petition from Silas Axtell, late a corporal in the service of the United States, on the western expedition, stating claims upon the state, and praying payment, was read and referred to the committee of military claims.

A petition from the officers of the cavalry of the county of Hunterdon, commanded by Captain Richard Kroesen, complaining that they have been taken from the squadron of the county of Hunterdon, and annexed to the squadron of Somerset, was read and referred to Messrs. Ward, W. Wikoff, Morgan, DeVroom and Burrowes.

A petition from the officers of the Paterfon battalion, was read and referred to the same committee.



A petition from Anthony Broderick, a prisoner, confined for debt in the gaol of the county of Suffex, praying the benefit of an act of insolvency, was read and ordered a second reading with the insolvent bill.

Mr. Vancleve, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act directing where the *venue* shall be laid in personal or transitory actions;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Southard, agreeably to leave given, and on behalf of the petitioners, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to build a toll bridge over the river Raritan, at the city of New-Brunswick," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to prevent the importation of convicts into this state," was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Condict, from the committee appointed to state the charges against Constant Somers and James Williams, two of the justices of the peace for the county of Gloucester, submitted to the consideration of the house the following charges:

*Resolved,*

1st. **T**HAT this house do charge and impeach Constant Somers, one of the justices of the peace for the county of Gloucester, of illegal conduct and mal-practice, in that, on or about the ninth day of September last, he did oppose with design to prevent a constable of said county from discharging the duties of his office, not only by forbidding the said constable to execute a warrant then in his hands, but also by beating and abusing the said constable whilst in the execution of the duties of his office.

2d. That the said Constant Somers did, by harsh and unbecoming language, abuse a person summoned to serve as juror before him.

3d. That the said Constant Somers did, as a justice of the peace, issue an order forbidding a constable of said county to apprehend a certain Lacy Johns, against whom the said constable had a warrant, issued by another justice of said county.

*Resolved,* That this house do charge and impeach James Williams, one of the justices of the peace of the county of Gloucester, of illegal conduct and mal-practice, in that, on or about the ninth day of September last, he did aid and assist Constant Somers in rescuing from the custody of a constable, a person taken by virtue of a warrant issued by a justice of the peace of said county.

*Resolved,* That the foregoing charges be preferred to Council, and that Council be requested to summon the said Constant Somers and James Williams to appear before them to answer to the same on some day in the next sitting of the Legislature, and that *subpœnas* be issued to Thomas Somers, Enoch Scull, Benjamin Rue, James Somers and John Somers, of said county of Gloucester, to appear as witnesses in support of said charges.

*Resolved,* That be managers on the part of this house to conduct the business before Council.

By order of the committee,

SILAS CONDUCT.

To which the house agreed; whereupon,

*Ordered,* That the blank in the last resolve be filled up with the names of William Coxe, Henry Southard and Silas Condict.

Mr. Parret reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Condit, from Council, informed the house that Mr. Kitchell is appointed

a committee, on the part of Council, to join the committee of the House of Assembly for the purpose of inspecting the office of the secretary and register, and conferring with him on the subject of his letter.

Mr. Vancleve, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioners, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act to authorize and empower to fulfil certain contracts and agreements made and entered into by John Emley, deceased, relative to the sale of lands, and to sell and convey the real estate of said John Emley," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting apprentices and servants," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning obligations and to enable mutual dealers to discount," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to prevent gaming," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning inns and taverns," was read and ordered a second reading.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Condict, Hough and Moore, be a committee, on the part of this house, to join a committee of Council to determine and report which of the bills presented by Mr. Paterfon to the Council and Assembly ought to be printed for the consideration of the Legislature.

The bill, intituled, "An act to authorize and empower the owners and proprietors of the land on the east branch of Rahway-River, to clear out the said river from the bridge near the house of John Meeker to the bridge above the land of William Reeves," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Wade, M'Cullough and Parret.

The house adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act to confirm and establish the testament and last will of Rober Lewis, late of the township of Lower-Dublin, in the county of Philadelphia and commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the parties for and against the application for a law to authorize the building of bridges over the rivers Passaick and Hackinsack, be heard before the house on the second Tuesday of the next sitting of the Legislature; and the applicants are hereby directed to serve the president of the Board of Proprietors of the bridges over the rivers Passaick and Hackinsack with a copy of this order, at least ten days previous thereto.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Ezekiel Smith and Samuel Quay, reported,

**T**HAT your committee have examined the several instruments of writing referred to in said petition, and are of opinion that they have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petition.

By order of the committee,

JOSEPH STILLWELL.

To which the house agreed.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to build a



toll bridge over the river Raritan, at the city of New-Brunswick," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Southard, Morgan and Wallace.

Mr. Randolph, from Council, informed the house that Council have appointed Mr. Walton, on the part of Council, to join the committee of the House of Assembly for the purpose of determining and reporting which of the bills presented by Mr. Paterfon ought to be printed for the consideration of the Legislature.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten of the clock.

*Friday, November 11, 1796.*

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the grazing of the Five-Mile-Beach, in the county of Cape-May, and to prevent the keeping of hogs thereon," was read a second time, and the applicant appearing before the house, moved for leave to withdraw the same.

*Ordered,* That he have leave accordingly.

Mr. McDowell, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioners, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act to direct the treasurer to pay to the legal representatives of Joseph Stenyard, deceased, a certain sum of money belonging to the estate of the said deceased," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Walton, from Council, presented the bill, intituled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives of the Congress of the United States," with amendments made thereto by Council, and requested the concurrence of this house in the said amendments.

Mr. Condict, from the joint-committee appointed to examine the bills reported by Mr. Paterfon, and select such of the said bills as they judge necessary to be printed for consideration, report,

**T**HAT in the opinion of your committee, the bill, intituled, "An act concerning obligations and to enable mutual dealers to discount;"

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting apprentices and servants;" and

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting slaves," be printed for the use of the members of the Legislature.

By order of the committee,

ELISHA WALTON,  
SILAS CONDUCT.

To which the house agreed.

The house adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

The speaker laid before the house a bond given by James Mott, treasurer of the state, with sureties for the faithful discharge of his office as treasurer, which was read and approved.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Smith do carry the said bond to the Council for their approbation.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions of Peter Brown and Silas Axtell, soldiers, lately serving upon the expedition in the western parts of Pennsylvania, reported,

**T**HAT, in the opinion of your committee, the said petition should be delivered to the governor of this state, who has been authorized by this house to apply to the general government for allowance in a number of instances similar to the above.

By order of the committee,

ELIAS DAYTON.

To which the house agreed.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the petitioners for vacating the road from Bridgetown, in the county of Cumberland, to Woodbury, in the county of Gloucester, have leave to present a bill on the second Friday in the next sitting of the Legislature, with advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present, in three public places in said county, at least two weeks previous thereto.

A petition from William Rebuk, and a petition from John Russell, stating that they had been wounded in the service of the United States during the late war with Great-Britain, and praying that they may have the benefit of a pension, were read and referred to the committee of military claims.

A petition from Jacobus Dekay, stating a demand against the state and praying payment, was read and committed to the committee of civil claims:

Two petitions from Bergen county, praying that a law may be passed, directing the money received for militia fines should be appropriated to the purchase of accoutrements for the militia, were read and referred to Messrs. Ward, W. Wikoff, Morgan, Burrowes and DeVroom.

The bill, intituled, "An act to authorize and empower Robert Emley and Joseph King, to fulfil certain contracts and agreements made and entered into by John Emley, deceased, relative to the sale of lands, and to sell and convey the real estate of said John Emley," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Several Petitions from Bergen county, praying that a law may be passed directing a new township to be set off from a part of the townships of Saddle-River and Franklin, were read and committed to Messrs. Ward, Condict and Burrowes.

A petition from Yelles Bartholff, stating a demand against the state, and praying payment, was read and referred to the committee of civil claims.

A petition from Joseph Reading of the county of Hunterdon, praying to be exonerated by law from the payment of a sum of money due from him to the state of New-Jersey, and to Joseph Taylor, was read.

*Ordered*, That the said petition, with the report of Mr. Boyd and others, on the petition of Joseph Reading, be referred to Messrs. Vancleve, Southard and Biddle.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to build a toll bridge over the river Raritan, at the city of New-Brunswick," reported the same with sundry amendments; which bill was read, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten of the clock.



Saturday, November 12, 1796.

The house met.

Mr. Black, from Council, informed the house that Council approve of the bond given by James Mott and his sureties, for the faithful discharge of his office.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to confirm and establish the testament and last will of Robert Lewis, deceased," was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to build a toll bridge over the river Raritan, at the city of New-Brunswick," was read and compared.

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows..

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. French,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Berry,
Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Speer,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Vancleve,	Mr. Hough,
Mr. Cobb,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Randolph,
Mr. Condict,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. Somers,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Parret,	Mr. Welsh,	Mr. VanDuyn,
Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. S. Wyckoff,	Mr. Wade.
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. W. Wikoff.	
Mr. M'Dowell,	Mr. Stillwell,		

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer to—*

On account of taxes levied in Conti—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last  
settlement by the counties of

Bergen,

Hunterdon,

Morris,

Specie or  
Lawful Money.

£. 266 14 11

402 5 9

69 14 3

£. 738 14 11

*Ordered,* That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Somers do carry the said bills to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Coxe, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioner, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Samuel Pleasants;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, for this state," with the amendments made thereto by Council, was read a second time, the amendments agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors."

A remonstrance was presented from the creditors of John Shute, desiring that he may not have the benefit of an act of insolvency, which was read;

*Ordered,* That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Southard, from the committee appointed to join a committee from Council to settle the treasurer's accounts, brought in the following statement, which was read and ordered to lie on the table for the examination of the members:

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—the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—mental Money and reduced to Specie.

By deficiencies not yet paid in  
by the Counties of

Specie or  
Lawful Money.

Bergen,

£. 266 14 11

Hunterdon,

402 5 9

Balance carried to account current,

69 14 3

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£. 738 14 11

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.



*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer to—*

On account of tax for raising £. 50,000 State Mo—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last  
settlement by the counties ofState Money &  
Certificates.Burlington,  
Suffex,

£. 578 0 2 1-4

578 19 7 3-4

£. 1,156 19 10*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer to—*

On account of tax for raising £. 50,000 State Mo—

To deficiency not paid in on the last  
settlement by the county ofState Money &  
Certificates.

Suffex,

£. 1239 8 0 3-4

*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer to—*

On account of tax for raising £. 50,000 State Mo—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last  
settlement by the counties ofState Money &  
Certificates.

Specie.

Essex,

£. 49 0 1

Huntingdon,

£. 190 0 7

Morris,

839 3 1 1-2

£. 1,029 3 8 1-2 £. 49 0 1

—*the State of New-Jersey.*

Cr.

—ney and certificates, due December 1, 1781.

By deficiencies not yet paid in  
by the counties of

State Money &  
Certificates.

Burlington,  
Suffex,

£. 578 0 2 1-4  
578 19 7 3-4

£. 1,156 19 10

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.

—*the State of New-Jersey,*

Cr.

—ney and certificates, and £. 25,000, specie, due April 1, 1782.

By deficiency not yet paid  
by the county of

State Money &  
Certificates.

Suffex,

£. 1,239 8 0 3-4

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.

—*the State of New-Jersey,*

Cr.

—ney and certificates, and £. 25,000 specie, due July 1, 1782.

By deficiencies not yet paid in  
by the counties of

State Money &  
Certificates.

Specie.

Effex,  
Hunterdon,  
Morris,

£. 190 0 7  
839 3 1 1-2

£. 49 0 1

£. 1,029 3 8 1-2 £. 49 0 1

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.



*Dr.* JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer to—*

On account of the proportion of the second payment—

To deficiency not paid in on the last  
settlement by the county of

State Money.

Suffex,

£. 530 7 10

*Dr.* JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer to—*

On account of the proportion of the second payment—

To deficiency not paid in on the last  
settlement by the county of

Specie.

Hunterdon,

£. 721 15 4 3-4

*Dr.* JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer to—*

On account of tax for raising £. 10,000 specie for—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last  
settlement by the counties of

Specie.

Hunterdon,

£. 529 18 4

Suffex,

633 18 7

£. 1,163 16 11

—*the State of New-Jersey,*

Cr.

—of tax for raising £. 90,000, due January 1, 1783.

By deficiency not yet paid in  
by the county of

Suffex,

Balance carried to account current,

State Money.

£. 180 7 10

350 0 0

£. 530 7 10

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,

HENRY SOUTHARD.

—*the State of New-Jersey,*

Cr.

—of tax for raising £. 90,930, due January 1, 1784.

By deficiency not yet paid in  
by the county of

Hunterdon,

November 1, 1796.

Specie.

£. 721 15 4 3-4

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,

HENRY SOUTHARD.

—*the State of New-Jersey,*

Cr.

—sinking £. 30,000 in bills of credit, due December 1, 1785.

By deficiencies not yet paid in  
by the counties of

Hunterdon,

Suffex,

Balance carried to account current,

Specie.

£. 343 16 4

633 18 7

186 2 6

£. 1,163 16 11

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,

HENRY SOUTHARD.



*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer to—*

On account of tax for raising a revenue of—

To deficiency not paid in on the last  
 settlement by the county of  
 Suffex,

Lawful Money.

£. 369 14 8

*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer to—*

On account of tax for raising a revenue of—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last  
 settlement by the county of  
 Suffex,

Lawful Money.

£. 614 7 1

*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer to—*

On account of tax for raising a revenue of—

To deficiency not paid in on the last  
 settlement by the county of  
 Suffex,

Lawful Money.

£. 220 3 6

—*the State of New-Jersey,* *Cr.*

—£. 31,259 5 in bills of credit, due December 1, 1785.

By deficiency not yet paid in

by the county of

Suffex,

November 1, 1796.

Lawful Money.

£. 369 14 8

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,

HENRY SOUTHARD.

—*the State of New-Jersey,* *Cr.*

—£. 31,259 5 in bills of credit, due December 30, 1786.

By deficiency not yet paid in

by the county of

Suffex,

November 1, 1796.

Lawful Money.

£. 614 7 1

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,

HENRY SOUTHARD.

—*the State of New-Jersey,* *Cr.*

—£. 31,259 5 in bills of credit, due December 30, 1788.

By deficiency not yet paid in

by the county of

Suffex,

November 1, 1796.

Lawful Money.

£. 220 3 6

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,

HENRY SOUTHARD.



*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer to—*

On account of tax in specie, due October 1, 1782—  
 but by a law, passed November 28, 1789,—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last  
 settlement by the counties of

Morris,

Suffex,

Specie or  
 Lawful Money.

£. 64 5 11

605 4 9

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 £. 669 10 8
*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer to—*

On account of tax in specie, due January 1, 1783,—  
 but by a law, passed November 28, 1789,—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last  
 settlement by the counties of

Hunterdon,

Morris,

Suffex,

Specie or  
 Lawful Money.

£. 2,183 17 3 1-2

2,478 13 4

2,299 9 10

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 £. 6,962 0 5 1-2

—the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—which was payable to the receiver of continental taxes ;

—is made payable into the treasury.

By deficiency not yet paid in  
by the county of

Specie or  
Lawful Money.

Suffex,

£. 403 10 3

Balance carried to account current,

266 0 5

£. 669 10 8

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.

—the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—which was payable to the receiver of continental taxes ;

—is made payable into the treasury.

By deficiencies not yet paid in  
by the counties of

Specie or  
Lawful Money.

Hunterdon,

£. 2,183 17 3 1-2

Morris,

2,071 16 4

Suffex,

2,299 9 10

Balance carried to account current,

406 17 0

£. 6,962 0 5 1-2

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.



*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer to—*

On account of tax in specie, due October 1, 1783, which—  
but by a law, passed November 28, 1789—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last  
settlement by the counties of

Specie or  
Lawful Money.

Monmouth,	£. 1,098	2	6	1-2
Somerfet,	800	0	0	
Burlington,	1,216	19	4	
Hunterdon,	368	6	2	
Morris,	1,239	6	8	
Cumberland,	231	2	7	
Suffex,	823	11	7	

£. 5,777 8 10 1-2

*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer to—*

On account of tax in specie, due January 1, 1784,—  
taxes ; but by a law, passed November 29,—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last  
settlement by the counties of

Specie or  
Lawful Money.

Bergen,	£. 51	19	4
Effex,	165	13	2
Middlesex,	50	0	0
Monmouth,	1,465	10	0
Somerfet,	1,293	0	0
Burlington,	1,540	6	4
Hunterdon,	1,882	0	5
Morris,	1,239	6	8
Cumberland,	675	0	0
Suffex,	728	0	0

£. 9,090 15 11

—*the State of New-Jersey.*

Cr.

—was payable to the receiver of continental taxes ;  
—is made payable into the treasury.

By deficiencies not yet paid in  
by the counties of

	Specie or Lawful Money.
Monmouth,	£. 1,098 2 6 1-2
Somerfet,	800 0 0
Burlington,	916 19 4
Hunterdon,	368 6 2
Morris,	1,239 6 8
Suffex,	598 19 9
Balance carried to account current,	755 14 5

£. 5,777 8 10 1-2

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.

—*the State of New-Jersey,*

Cr.

—which was payable to the receiver of continental  
—1789, is made payable into the treasury.

By deficiencies not yet paid  
by the counties of

	Specie or Lawful Money.
Bergen,	£. 51 19 4
Effex,	60 0 0
Middlefex,	20 0 0
Monmouth,	1,465 10 0
Somerfet,	1,293 0 0
Burlington,	1,540 6 4
Hunterdon,	1,714 18 5
Morris,	1,239 6 8
Cumberland,	598 12 7
Suffex,	728 0 0
Balance carried to account current,	379 2 7

£. 9,090 15 11

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.



*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer to—*

On account of the tax for raising—

To deficiencies not paid in the last  
settlement by the counties of

Essex,	£. 80	5	6
Monmouth,	181	9	10 1-4
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	£. 261	15	4 1-4

*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer to—*

On account of the tax for raising—

To the quotas of the said tax payable into  
the treasury by the several counties.

Lawful Money.

Bergen,	£. 1,000	1	8
Essex,	1,073	2	4
Middlesex,	1,235	10	0 1-2
Monmouth,	1,498	16	0
Somerset,	1,214	19	6
Burlington,	1,689	0	5
Gloucester,	1,210	5	9
Salem,	1,028	13	4 1-2
Cape-May,	202	17	10 1-2
Hunterdon,	1,961	11	5
Morris,	1,103	2	6
Cumberland,	524	10	3 1-2
Suffex,	1,257	8	10
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	£. 15,000	0	0

*—the State of New-Jersey,**Cr.*

—£. 15,000, due December 30, 1794.

Lawful Money.

By amount carried to account current,  
November 1, 1796.

£. 261 15 4 1-4

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.*—the State of New-Jersey,**Cr.*

—£. 15,000, due December 30, 1795.

Lawful Money.

By amount carried to account current,

£. 15,000 0 0

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£. 15,000 0 0

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.





JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to the State of New-Jersey,* Dr.

On account of cash received of fundry persons.

1796.

Feb. 3,	Received of John Westervelt, sheriff of Bergen county, per Benjamin Blacklidge, on account of fines imposed by the court in said county,	£. 25	5	6
March 18,	Reuben Burgin, Sheriff of Cumberland county, per Eli Elmer, on account of fines imposed by the court in said county,	6	17	4
May 7,	John Holme, commissioner of the old Loan-Office of 1776, on account of principal and interest,	8	5	0
11,	James Hyndshaw, sheriff of Suffex county, on account of fines imposed by the court in said county,	8	0	0
June 4,	John Rattoon, commissioner for disposing of the secretary's office in Perth-Amboy, per Elijah D. Rattoone, agreeably to a law passed March 4, 1795,	112	18	5
Oct. 28,	John Black, jun. commissioner for selling the secretary's office in Burlington, agreeably to a law passed March 4, 1796,	312	0	0
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		£. 473	6	3

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to the State of New-Jersey,* Dr.

On account of cash received from agents of forfeited states.

1796.

Feb. 19,	Received of Peter Dumont, agent of forfeited estates for Somerset county, on account of the following estates, to wit, On the personal estate of Richard Cochran,	£. 150	0	0
	And on the real estates of Courtland and Stephen Skinner,	17	10	9
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		£. 167	10	9

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.



JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to the State of New-Jersey,* Dr.

On account of cash received for licenses, given in virtue of a law passed November 24, 1786, and the supplement thereto, passed February 21, 1794.

1796.

June 27, Received of John Van Emburgh, per George Gibbs, for a license to run a line of stages through this state, from Arnboy to Bordentown, for one year from the first instant, £. 20 0 0

July 9, John N. Cumming, Nehemiah Vernon, John Gulick, Joseph Vandegrift, Robert Bicknal and George Lesh-  
er, per Aaron D. Woodruff, for a license to run a  
line of stages through this state, from Trenton to  
Powles-Hook or Hoebocken, for one year from the  
first day of January last, 100 0 0

Aug. 15, Amos Hutchin, per Horatio Stockton, for a license to  
run a line of stages through this state, from Burling-  
ton to Amboy, for one year from the first day of  
May last, 20 0 0

Oct. 31, John N. Cumming, per Jonathan Rhea, for a license to  
run a line of stages through this state from Trenton  
to Powles Hook or Hoebocken, for one year from the  
twelfth of September last, 100 0 0

£. 240 0 0

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to the State of New-Jersey,* Dr.

On account of cash received from the United States.

1796.

Jan. 13, Received of James Ewing, commissioner of loans, one  
quarter's interest on the sum loaned by this state to  
the United States, due January 1, 1796, 563 84-100  
dollars. £. 211 8 9 1-2

April 19, James Ewing, commissioner of loans, one quarter's  
interest, due April 1, 1796, 563 84-100 dollars, 211 8 9 1-2

July 13, James Ewing, commissioner of loans, one quarter's  
interest, due July 1, 1796, 563 84-100 dollars, 211 8 9 1-2

Oct. 25, James Ewing, commissioner of loans, one quarter's  
interest, due October 1, 1796, 563 84-100 dollars, 211 8 9 1-2

£. 845 15 2

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to the State of New-Jersey,* Dr.

On account of cash received of fundry persons for fees on private laws, agreeably to a law passed February 20, 1794.

1795.

Nov. 11, Received of Isaac Williamson, the fees on an act for transferring the residue of the confiscated personal estate late of Cavalier Jouet to his three daughters, Sarah, Mary and Elizabeth Jouet, passed March 12, 1795,

£. 3 6 4

Dec. 25, John N. Cumming, the fees on an act to authorize certain inhabitants of the counties of Essex and Bergen to erect a bridge over the river Passaick, near the Dutch Church in Second-River, passed December 2, 1794,

4 0 6

£. 7 6 10

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to the State of New-Jersey,* Dr.

On account of cash received of fundry persons agreeably to "An act to authorize persons whose estates have been confiscated, or their legal representatives, to demand and receive all debts or sums of money which are due to this state in virtue of such confiscations," passed November 28, 1789, and the supplement thereto, passed November 26, 1792.

1796.

March 18, Received of Joseph Halsey, attorney for John Willis, per John Condit, on account of the forfeited estate of the said John Willis, £. 39 11 0, light money, equal to

£. 33 18 0

July 5, Aaron Ogden, attorney for William Walton, on account of the forfeited estate of said Walton, being one third part of the sum recovered on a bond from Jonathan Miller and Samuel Williams, £100, York money, equal to

93 15 0

Sept. 7 Corlis Lloyd, attorney for Doct. John Lawrence, on account of the forfeited estate of said John Lawrence, being one third part of fifteen pounds, York money, recovered of Thomas Wainwright, £. 5 York, equal to

4 13 9

£. 132 6 9

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.



JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to the State of New-Jersey,* Dr.

On account of cash received of the commissioners of the new loan-offices in the several counties on account of interest.

1796.

Jan. 1,	Received of William Phillips, one of the commissioners for Hunterdon county, per Ralph Phillips, the amount of the 9th year's interest on the sum loaned in said county, due December 1, 1795,	£. 433	0	9
13,	Thomas Anderson, one of the do. for Sussex county, on account of do.	291	2	2
	Samuel Hugg, one of the do. for Gloucester county, the amount of do.	275	0	5
22,	Abraham Staats, one of the do. for Somerset county, on account of do.	215	5	7
26,	Isaac Wheaton, one of the do. for Cumberland county, the amount of do.	122	4	7
Feb. 3,	John Outwater and Henry Berry, commissioners for Bergen county, per A. Boyd, the amount of do.	97	0	4
	John Smock, one of the do. for Monmouth county, per Joseph Stillwell, on account of do.	304	8	7
4,	Abraham Schuyler and John Myer, commissioners for Middlesex county, per Benjamin Manning, the amount of do.	242	13	4
10,	John Holme, one of the do. for Salem county, per T. Sinnickson, on account of do.	44	11	0
	Edmund Wetherby, one of the do. for do. do. do.	150	0	0
11,	Richard Townsend, one of the do. for Cape-May county, the amount of do.	45	1	11
13,	John Black, one of the do. for Burlington county, the amount of do.	301	19	8
March 5,	John Smock, one of the commissioners for Monmouth county, per John T. Holmes, on account of the 9th year's interest on the sum loaned in said county, due December 1, 1795,	11	17	4
12,	Joseph Annin, one of the do. for Somerset county, per John Bryan, on account of do.	12	7	6
18,	John Condit, one of the do. for Essex county, the amount of do.	265	1	10
	Edmund Wetherby, one of the do. for Salem county, per T. Sinnickson, on account of do.	18	0	0
19,	Joseph Annin, one of the do. for Somerset county, per J. Linn, on account of do.	35	12	6
Amount carried forward,		£. 2,865	7	6

Amount brought forward, £. 2,865 7 6

1796.

April 7,	Received of Thomas Anderson, one of the commissioners for Suffex county, the balance of do.	9 18 2
	Also three months interest on £. 165 4, up to March 1, 1796, on which the equity of redemption was foreclosed,	2 9 7
27,	Joseph Lewis, one of the do. for Morris county, the amount of the 9th year's interest, &c, due December 1, 1795,	216 16 5
May 7,	John Holme, one of the do. for Salem county, on account of do.	13 1 2
31,	Abraham Staats, one of the do. for Somerset county, per Bergen Brokaw, the balance of do.	41 0 6
July 4,	Peter Covenhoven, one of the do. for Monmouth county, three months interest on mortgages foreclosed, due March 1, 1796,	2 8 10
Sept. 7,	Joseph Lewis, one of the do. for Morris county, per Gabriel Ford, three months interest on do. do. do.	2 16 7
Octo. 15,	John Smock, one of the do. for Monmouth county, £. 14 15 3, also, £. 7 7 7, for John Lloyd, on account of Hendrick Voorheese, deceased, one of the commissioners of said loan-office, and £. 7 7 7 in behalf of Peter Covenhoven, one of the commissioners of said loan-office, amounting to the balance of the 9th year's interest, &c.	29 10 5
Octo. 29.	John Holme, one of the commissioners for Salem county, per T. Sinnickson, the balance of the 9th year's interest on the sum loaned in said county, due December 1, 1795,	12 11 4

£. 3,196 0 6.

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.



JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to the State of New-Jersey,* Dr.

On account of loan-office money of 1786, received of the commissioners of the new loan-offices in the several counties, cancelled by their respective boards of justices and freeholders.

1796.

May 12,	Received of Joseph Reading, Joseph Beavers and William Phillips, commissioners of Hunterdon county, per Ralph Phillips, a sealed bundle of loan-office money of 1786, cancelled May 11, 1796, said to contain	£. 1,843	4	0
13,	John Outwater and Henry Berry, commissioners of Bergen county, per Nehemiah Wade, a do. cancelled on do. do.	446	1	0
21,	Jonas Wade, one of the commissioners of Essex county, per Matthias Denman, a do. cancelled on do. do.	883	7	0
July 4,	Peter Covenhoven, one of the commissioners of Monmouth county, a do. cancelled on do. do.	1,612	6	0
	Thomas Anderson, one of the commissioners of Suffex county, a do. cancelled on do. do.	1,657	14	0
July 7,	John Holme, one of the commissioners of Salem county, per Horatio Stockton, a do. cancelled on May 14, 1796, said to contain	968	17	0
29,	Samuel Hugg, one of the commissioners of Gloucester county, per Joshua Anderson, a do. cancelled on May 11, 1796, do.	833	16	0
Aug. 18,	Abraham Staats and Joseph Annin, commissioners of Somerset county, per John Baird, a do. cancelled on do. do.	1,403	6	0
Sept. 7,	Joseph Lewis and John Mills, commissioners of Morris county, per Mahlon Dickerson, three do. cancelled on do. do.	1,062	14	0
16,	Abraham Schuyler and John Myer, commissioners of Middlesex county, per John Clark, a do. cancelled on do. do.	1,170	18	0
Oct. 26,	John Outwater and Henry Berry, commissioners of Bergen county, a do. cancelled June 14, 1796, do.	157	11	0
	Isaac Wheaton, one of the commissioners of Cumberland county, per I. Bowen, a do. cancelled on May 11, 1796, do.	354	19	0
	John Black, one of the commissioners of Burlington county, a do. cancelled on do. do.	1,446	0	0
	Richard Townsend, one of the commissioners of Cape-May county, per E. Newton, a do. cancelled on do. do.	276	11	0

November 1, 1796.

£. 14,117 4 0

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to the State of New-Jersey,* Dr.

On account of notes or certificates received of sundry persons.

1796.

May 28, Received of Abraham Hewlings, former sheriff of Burlington county, per John Burr, on account of fines imposed by the court in said county,

£. 85 2 7

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.

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JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to the State of New-Jersey,* Dr.

On account of notes or certificates received of the agents of forfeited estates.

1796.

Feb. 19, Received of Peter Dumont, agent of forfeited estates, for Somerset county,

£. 778 2 5

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.



*Dr.* JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

Account current in—

To amount of notes or certificates received of fundry persons,	£. 85 2 7
To amount of do. received from an agent of forfeited estates,	778 2 5
	<u>£. 863 5 0</u>

*Dr.* JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

Account current in—

To balance due the state on settlement made November 1, 1795, in old State-Money,	£. 2,395 18 10 3-4
To do. do. £. 1092 8 3 1-2 lawful money, received at one for three on the sink- ing fund tax, and not yet exchanged, equal in old State-Money to	3,277 4 10 1-2
	<u>£. 5,673 3 9 1-4</u>
To balance on tax in State-Money and certificates, due January 1, 1783,	350 0 0
To do. on the sinking fund tax, due December 1, 1785, £. 186 2, lawful money, equal to, at one for three, in old State-Money,	558 6 0
	<u>£. 6,581 9 9 1-4</u>
November 1, 1796.	

**W**E the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the--  
thousand seven hundred and forty-five pounds eighteen shillings--  
and two hundred and seventy eight pounds ten shillings and three pence--  
due December 1, 1785, and not yet exchanged, equal to three thousand eight--  
State-Money, remaining in the hands of the treasurer, agreeably to the above--

—*the State of New-Jersey.*

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—notes or certificates.

By amount of fundry notes or certificates  
examined and allowed,

£. 863 5 0

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£. 863 5 0

November 1, 1796.

**W**E, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, do find the same justly stated.

JOHN CONDIT,  
JOHN BLACK,  
HENRY SOUTHARD,  
DAVID WELSH,  
GERVAS HALL,  
JAMES HARRIS,  
PETER SMITH,

—*the State of New-Jersey,*

Cr.

—old State-Money.

Balance due the state in old State-Money,

£. 2,745 18 10 3-4

Ditto, £. 1,278 10 3 1-2, lawful money, received at one  
for three on the sinking fund tax, and not yet ex-  
changed, equal, in old State-Money, to

3,835 10 10 1-2

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£. 6,581 9 9 1-4

--treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, do find a balance of two  
--and ten pence three farthings, old State-Money, and the sum of one thou-  
--half-penny, lawful money, received at one for three, on the sinking fund tax,  
--hundred and thirty-five pounds ten shillings and ten pence half-penny, old  
--statement.

JOHN CONDIT,  
JOHN BLACK,  
HENRY SOUTHARD,  
DAVID WELSH,  
GERVAS HALL,  
JAMES HARRIS,  
PETER SMITH.



Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

Account current in—

To balance due the state on settlement made November 1, 1795,	£. 15,172 12 11 3-4
To balance on taxes levied in Continental- Money and reduced to specie,	69 14 3
To ditto, on the tax due October 1, 1782, which was formerly payable to the recei- ver of continental taxes,	266 0 5
To do. do. due January 1, 1783, do.	406 17 0
To do. do. due October 1, 1783, do.	755 14 5
To do. do. due January 1, 1784, do.	379 2 7
To do. on the tax due December 30, 1794,	261 15 4 1-4
To amount of the tax due December 30, 1795,	15,000 0 0
To cash received of fundry persons,	473 6 3
To do. received of agents of forfeited estates,	167 10 9
To do. do. for stage licenses,	240 0 0
To do. do. for interest from the United States,	845 15 2
To do. do. for fees on private laws,	7 6 10
To do. do. from persons whose estates have been confiscated, &c. agreeably to a law passed November 28, 1789, and supple- ment of November 26, 1792,	132 6 9
To do. do. of the commissioners of the new loan-office, on account of interest,	3,196 0 6
To do. do. of do. loan-office money cancel- led by the boards of justices and free- holders,	14,117 4 0

Amount carried forward,

£. 51,491 7 3

—the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—lawful money.

By amount of fundry vouchers, from No. 1 to No. 131, inclusive, for cash paid to the members of the Legislature for their wages, to their clerks, door-keepers and printers,	£. 4,511 14 7
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 17, do. for cash paid to the officers of government on account of their salaries, and to the judges of the supreme-court for holding courts of oyer and terminer,	2,680 0 0
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 32, for do. paid fundry incidental charges,	1,652 18 1 1-2
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 38, for do. paid on warrants for pensions,	835 0 5
By do. of No. 1, for do. paid a proprietor of stages, agreeably to a law passed February 21, 1794,	7 10 0
By do. of No. 1, for do. paid one year's interest on certificates signed by John Pierce, commissioner, agreeably to a resolution of March 9, 1786,	1 0 0
By do. of fundry vouchers, from No. 1 to No. 111, for do. paid for one fourth of the principal and interest of certificates, received and funded agreeably to a law passed March 12, 1796,	2,318 19 9
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 4, for do. paid interest on notes signed by Silas Condict and Mafkell Ewing,	11 2 10
By do. of do. No. 1, for do. paid interest on a depreciation note,	2 7 6
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 5, for do. paid interest on notes given for militia services,	4 10 7
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 6, inclusive, for do. paid interest on forfeited estate notes, to June 1, 1792,	71 1 11
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 6, for do. paid one fourth of the principal of do.	55 3 3
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 8, for do. paid interest for one year on three fourths of do. to June 1, 1793,	11 8 1
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 8, for do. paid the second fourth of the principal of do.	63 8 2
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 11, for do. paid interest for ten months on one half of do. to April 1, 1794,	9 14 6
Amount carried forward,	£. 12,235 19 8 1-2



To amount brought forward,      £. 51,491   7   3

November 1, 1796.

£. 51,491   7   3

**W**E, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the-  
thereto; viz. From No. 1. to No. 131, from No. 1 to No. 17, from--  
from No. 1 to No. 4, No. 1, from No. 1 to No. 5, from No. 1 to No. 6, from--  
from No. 1 to No. 11, from No. 1 to No. 20, No. 1, No 1, No. 1, No. 1, from--  
No. 1, inclusive, do find a balance of twenty-four thousand four hundred and--  
ney, remaining in the hands of the said treasurer, agreeably to the above state--

By amount brought forward,	£. 12,235 19 8 1-2
By amount of fundry vouchers from No. 1 to No. 11, for cash paid the third fourth of the principal of forfeited estate notes,	97 7 11
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 20, for do. paid the last fourth of the principal of do. and one year's interest thereon to April 1, 1795, in full of said notes,	364 12 7
By do. of do. No. 1, for do. paid interest on a note, issued agreeably to a resolution, to June 1, 1792,	8 0 5
By do. of do. No. 1, for do. paid one fourth of the principal of do.	21 17 7
By do. of do. No. 1, for do. paid interest for one year on three fourths of do. to June 1, 1793.	3 18 9
By do. of do. No. 1, for do. paid the second fourth of the principal of do.	21 17 7
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 2, for do. paid interest for ten months on one half of do. to April 1, 1794,	2 16 2
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 2, for do. paid the third fourth of the principal of do.	28 1 8
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 3, inclusive, for do. paid the last fourth of the principal of notes issued by virtue of special laws and resolutions, and one year's interest thereon to April 1, 1795, in full of said notes,	70 6 5
By do. of do. No. 1, for do. paid bounty to the militia, agreeably to a law passed March 19, 1795,	40 10 0
By do. of do. No. 1, for cancelled loan-office money delivered to the committees of the Council and Assembly, and burned by them, October 31, 1796,	14,106 14 0 0
By counterfeit cancelled money from the county of Somerset,	£. 6 0 0
And from the county of Morris,	4 10 0
Balance due the state,	£. 10 10 0
	24,478 14 5 1-2

November 1, 1796.

£. 51,491 7 3

--treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouchers relative  
 --No. 1 to No. 32, from No. 1 to No. 38, No. 1, No. 1, from No. 1 to No. 111,  
 --No. 1 to No. 6, from No. 1 to No. 8, from No. 1 to No. 8, from No. 1 to No. 11,  
 --No. 1 to No. 2, from No. 1 to No. 2, from No. 1 to No. 3, No. 1, No. 1, and  
 --seventy-eight pounds fourteen shillings and five-pence half-penny, lawful mo-  
 --ment.

JOHN CONDIT,  
 JOHN BLACK,  
 HENRY SOUTHARD.  
 DAVID WELSH,  
 GERVAS HALL,  
 JAMES HARRIS,  
 PETER SMITH.



*Dr.* **JAMES MOTT, Treasurer, to—**  
**Account current in—**

To amount of 12 notes of depreciation, signed  
 by John Stevens, late treasurer, remaining in  
 the hands of James Mott, treasurer, on settle-  
 ment made November 1, 1795, amounting to £. 29 8 0

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*Dr.* **JAMES MOTT, Treasurer, to—**  
**Account current in—**

To 38 notes signed and issued by the treasurer, and  
 countersigned by the auditor, remaining in the  
 hands of the treasurer on settlement made No-  
 vember 1, 1795, amounting to £. 492 15 5

November 1, 1796.

**W**E, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the trea-  
 to, for the delivery of three notes, given for demands against forfeited-  
 sixteen shillings and five-pence remaining in the hands of the treasurer; agree-

—*the State of New-Jersey,*

*Cr.*

—notes of depreciation.

By amount of voucher No. 1, for 2 notes of depreciation delivered, amounting to

£. 5 13 10

Remaining in the hands of James Mott, treasurer, 10 notes of depreciation, signed by John Stevens, late treasurer, amounting to

23 14 2

£. 29 8 0

November 1, 1796.

**W**E, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouchers relative thereto, for the delivery of two notes, do find ten notes, amounting to twenty-three pounds fourteen shillings and two-pence remaining in the hands of the said treasurer, agreeably to the above statement.

JOHN CONDIT,  
JOHN BLACK,  
HENRY SOUTHARD,  
DAVID WELSH,  
GERVAS HALL,  
JAMES HARRIS,  
PETER SMITH.

—*the State of New-Jersey,*

*Cr.*

—forfeited estate notes.

By 3 notes delivered to the proprietors thereof, amounting to

£. 89 10 8

And the amount of 1 note paid to Hugh Newell, with interest, agreeably to "An act for defraying fundry incidental charges," passed March 18, 1796, £. 2 4 0

1 8 4

£. 90 19 0

By 34 notes remaining in the treasury, amounting to

401 16 5

£. 492 15 5

--furer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouchers relative there--estates, do find thirty-four notes, amounting to four hundred and one pound --ably to the above statement.

JOHN CONDIT,  
JOHN BLACK,  
HENRY SOUTHARD,  
DAVID WELSH,  
GERVAS HALL,  
JAMES HARRIS,  
PETER SMITH.



*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

Account current in—

To 44 notes signed by John Pierce and deposited  
in the treasury by John Peck and John Blair,  
agents, agreeably to a law passed March 7,  
1786, remaining in the hands of the treasurer  
on settlement made November 1, 1795, a-  
mounting to.

Dols.	qoths.
998	49

*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

Account current of notes issued—

To 127 notes signed and issued by the treasurer,  
on certificates funded agreeably to the above  
law, amounting to

£. 7,414 0 5

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 £. 7,414 0 5

—*the State of New-Jersey.*

*Cr.*

—final settlement notes.

By 3 notes delivered to the proprietors thereof, amounting to	Dols.	90ths.
	67	50
By 41 notes remaining in the hands of the trea- surer, amounting to	930	89
	<u>998</u>	<u>49</u>

November 1, 1796.

**W**E, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouchers relative thereto for the delivery of three notes, do find forty-one notes, amounting to nine hundred and thirty dollars and eighty-nine ninetieths, remaining in the hands of the said treasurer, agreeably to the above statement.

JOHN CONDIT,  
JOHN BLACK,  
HENRY SOUTHARD,  
DAVID WELSH,  
GERVAS HALL,  
JAMES HARRIS,  
PETER SMITH.

—*the State of New-Jersey,*

*Cr.*

—agreeably to a law passed March 12, 1796.

By 111 notes delivered to the proprietors thereof, amounting to	£. 6,956	3	8
By 16 notes remaining in the treasury, amount- ing to	457	16	9
	<u>£. 7,414</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>

November 1, 1796.

**W**E, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouchers relative thereto, for issuing one hundred and twenty-seven notes, and for the delivery of one hundred and eleven notes, do find sixteen notes, amounting to four hundred and fifty-seven pounds sixteen shillings and nine-pence, remaining in the hands of the said treasurer, agreeably to the above statement.

JOHN CONDIT,  
JOHN BLACK,  
HENRY SOUTHARD,  
DAVID WELSH,  
GERVAS HALL,  
JAMES HARRIS,  
PETER SMITH.



*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of tax levied on persons exempt—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last  
settlement by the counties of

Burlington,	£. 678	4	6
Gloucester,	724	15	11
Salem,	72	5	9
Cumberland,	8	19	9
Suffex,	41	17	9
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	£. 1,526	3	8

—*the State of New-Jersey,*

*Cr.*

—from militia duty, due December 30, 1793.

By deficiencies not yet paid in by the  
counties of

Burlington,	£. 678	4	6
Gloucester,	724	15	11
Salem,	72	5	9
Cumberland,	8	19	9
Suffex,	41	17	9
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	£. 1,526	3	8

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.



*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of the tax levied on persons exempt—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last  
settlement by the counties of

Bergen,	£. 0	6	1	
The collector accounted for	6	14	9	
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Essex, accounted for by the collector,	12	7	6
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Monmouth,	103	10	0
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Gloucester,	21	7	6
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Salem,	84	7	6
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Cape-May,	8	8	7 1-2
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Hunterdon,	6	3	2
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Cumberland,	0	9	9
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£. 243 14 10 1-2

—the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—from militia duty, due December 30, 1794.

By payments made, clearances from the tax, fees  
and commissions for collection, &c. and defi-  
ciencies not yet paid in by the counties of

Bergen,	By cash received,	£. 6 18 3
	By fees and commissions for collection, &c.	£. 0 2 7
Essex,	By cash received,	12 2 10
	By fees and commissions for collection, &c.	0 4 8
Monmouth,	By cash received,	88 18 6 1-2
	By fees and commissions for collection, &c.	1 14 1
	By deficiency not yet paid in,	£. 12 17 4 1-2
Gloucester,	By 19 exempts clear- ed from the tax,	21 7 6
Salem,	By deficiency not yet paid in,	84 7 6
Cape-May,	By cash received,	4 4 3 1-2
	By fees and commis- sions for collection, &c.	6 1 11
	By deficiency not yet paid in,	1 2 5
Hunterdon,	By cash received,	0 10 4
	By fees and commis- sions for collection, &c.	0 0 4
	By 5 exempts cleared from the tax,	5 12 6
Cumberland,	By deficiency not yet paid in,	0 9 9
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		£. 98 17 0 1-2 32 3 7 112 14 3

Amount of deficiencies not yet paid in, £. 98 17 0 1-2

Do. of clearances, with fees and commissions, &c. 32 3 7

Balance carried to account current, 112 14 3

£. 243 14 10 1-2

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.



Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of the tax levied on persons exempt—

To the quotas of the said tax, payable into the treasury,  
agreeably to the returns made by the counties of

Bergen—19 exempts,	£. 21	7	6	
Accounted for by the collector,	7	4	6	
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Essex—11 exempts,		12	7	6
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Middlesex—48 do. for 1794 and				
1795,	54	0	6	
Accounted for by the collector,	6	8	6	
Monmouth—34 do.		38	5	0

Somerfet—no return.				
Burlington—accounted for by the collector,		50	5	4

Gloucester—609 exempts,		68	5	6
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Salem—no return.				
Cape-May—18 exempts,		20	5	0

Hunterdon—71 do.		79	17	6
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Morris—no return.				
Cumberland—20 exempts,		22	10	0

Suffex—34 do.		38	10	0
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£. 1,491 2 4

—the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—from militia duty, due December 30, 1795.

By payments made, clearances from the tax, fees and commissions for collection, &c. and deficiencies not paid in by the counties of

Bergen,	By cash received,	£. 26 6 2
	By fees and commissions for collection, &c.	£. 2 5 10
Essex,	By deficiency not paid in,	£. 12 7 6
Middlesex,	By cash received,	58 10 6
	By fees and commissions for collection, &c.	1 18 0
Monmouth,	By deficiency not paid in,	38 5 0
Somerset,	No return.	
Burlington,	By cash received,	495 3 9
	By fees and commissions for collection, &c.	10 0 7
Gloucester,	By cash received,	606 19 10
	By fees and commissions for collection, &c.	12 17 8
	By 58 clearances from the tax,	65 5 0
Salem,	No return.	
Cape-May,	By cash received,	16 17 4
	By fees and commissions for collection, &c.	3 7 8
Hunterdon,	By cash received,	76 3 2
	By fees and commissions for collection, &c.	1 9 4
	By 2 clearances from the tax,	2 5 0
Morris,	No return.	
Cumberland,	By cash received,	19 2 6
	By fees and commissions for collection, &c.	2 8 3
	By deficiency not paid in	0 19 3
Suffex,	By cash received,	10 0 0
	By fees and commissions for collection, &c.	1 14 2
	By deficiency not paid in,	26 15 10

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£. 78 7 7	103 11 6	1,309 3 3
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Amount of deficiencies not paid in,

£. 78 7 7

Do. of clearances, with fees and commissions, &c.

103 11 6

Balance carried to account current,

1,309 3 3

November 1, 1796.

1,491 2 4

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.



*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of fines imposed on persons for—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last  
settlement by the counties of

Bergen, £. 29 15 9

Essex—the collector accounted for, 18 15 0

Salem, 15 15 0

Cape-May, 17 12 6

Hunterdon, 66 8 4

Cumberland, 15 0 0

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 £. 163 6 7

—the State of New-Jersey.

Cr.

—neglect of militia duty, due December 30, 1794.

By payments made, clearances from the fines,  
fees and commissions for collection, &c. and  
deficiencies not yet paid in by the counties of

Bergen,	By cash received,	£. 13 4 0	
	By fees and commissions for collection, &c.	1 0 9	
	By deficiency not yet paid in,	£. 15 11 0	
Essex,	By cash received,	17 16 1	
	By fees and commissions for collection, &c.	0 18 11	
Salem,	By deficiency not yet paid in,	15 15 0	
Cape-May,	By cash received,	6 0 3	
	By fees and commissions for collection, &c.	3 7 3	
	By deficiency not yet paid in,	8 5 0	
Hunterdon,	By cash received,	38 7 10	
	By fees and commissions for collection, &c.	2 3 0	
	By 63 clearances from the fines,	25 17 6	
Cumberland,	By deficiency not yet paid in,	15 0 0	
		£. 54 11 0	33 7 5 75 8 2
Amount of deficiencies not yet paid in,		£. 54 11 0	
Do. of clearances, with fees and commissions, &c.		33 7 5	
Balance carried to account current,		75 8 2	
		163 6 7	

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.



*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of fines imposed on persons for—

To amount of said fines as returned  
by the counties of

Bergen, 82 fines,	£. 45	15	0	2		£. 49	4	6
The collector accounted for	3	9	6	5				

Essex—no return.

Middlesex, 398 fines for 1794 and 1795,						£41	13	3
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Monmouth, 16 do.						6	0	0
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Somerset, 146 do.						54	0	0
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Burlington—no return.

Gloucester, 123 fines,						49	2	6
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Salem—no return.

Cape-May, 64 fines,						38	2	6
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Hunterdon, 95 do.						33	18	9
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Morris—no return.

Cumberland, do.

Suffex, 240 fines for 1794 and 1795.						£32	5	0
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£. 497	6	6
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—the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—neglect of militia duty, due December 30, 1795.

By payments made, clearances from the fines, fees and commissions for collection, &amp;c. and deficiencies not paid in by the counties of

Bergen,	By cash received,				£. 45 17 0
	By fees and commissions for collection, &c.	£. 3 7 6			
Essex,	No return.				
Middlesex,	By cash received,				94 1 0 1-2
	By fees and commissions for collection, &c.	5 11 4			
	By 2 clearances from the fines,	0 15 0			
	By deficiency not paid in,	£. 41 5 10 1-2			
Monmouth,	By deficiency not paid in,	6 0 0			
Somerset,	By cash received,				39 9 10
	By fees and commissions, &c.	2 2 8			
	By 26 clearances from the fines,	12 7 6			
Burlington,	No return.				
Gloucester,	By cash received,				40 15 6
	By fees and commissions, &c.	3 2 0			
	By 10 clearances from the fines,	5 5 0			
Salem,	No return.				
Cape-May,	By cash received,				17 2 11
	By fees and commissions, &c.	3 17 1			
	By deficiency not paid in,	10 2 6			
Hunterdon,	By cash received,				24 10 2
	By fees and commissions, &c.	1 14 10			
	By 18 clearances from the fines,	7 13 9			
Morris,	No return.				
Cumberland,	Ditto.				
Suffex,	By cash received,				50 0 0
	By fees and commissions, &c.	1 14 5			
	By deficiency not paid in,	80 10 7			
		£. 137 18 11 1-2	47 11 1	311 16 5 1-2	
Amount of deficiencies not paid in,					£. 137 18 11 1-2
Ditto, of clearances, with fees and commissions, &c.					47 11 1
Balance carried to account current,					311 16 5 1-2
					£. 497 6 6

November 1, 1796.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.



Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

Account current in—

On account of the exempt—

To balance due the state on settlement made November 1, 1795,	£. 64 19 0 1-2
To balance on exempt tax, due December 30, 1794,	112 14 3
To do. do. due December 30, 1795,	1,309 3 3
To do. on militia fines, due December 30, 1794,	75 8 2
To do. do. due December 30, 1795,	311 16 5 1-2

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 £. 1,874 1 2

The members withdrew to attend a joint-meeting, and being returned the speaker resumed the chair, and then

The house adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act to direct the treasurer to pay to the legal representatives of Joseph Stenyard, deceased, a certain sum of money belonging to the estate of the said deceased," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Dorum and Sarah, his wife, late Sarah Githins, widow of Joseph Githins, of the county of Gloucester, and late a soldier of this state in the service of the United States, reported,

THAT, in the opinion of your committee, the said John Dorum and Sarah his wife, late widow of Joseph Githins, are entitled to the half-pay of the said Joseph Githins, so long as she remained his widow, to wit, from the first day of September, 1776, to the third day of May, 1790.

By order of the committee,

ELIAS DAYTON.

*Ordered,* That the said report be read a second time.

—*the State of New-Jersey,*

*Cr.*

—lawful money.

—taxes and militia fines.

By amount of fundry vouchers from No 1  
to No. 21, for cash paid fundry officers  
their salaries, and for expenses and charg-  
es in organizing, equipping and training  
the militia, agreeably to a law passed No-  
vember 30, 1792, and the supplements  
thereto,

£. 709 10 3

Balance due the state,

1,164 10 9

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£. 1,874 1 2

November 1, 1796.

**W**E, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the trea-  
surer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouchers relative  
thereto, viz. From No. 1 to No. 21, inclusive, do find a balance of one thou-  
sand one hundred and sixty-four pounds ten shillings and nine-pence remain-  
ing in the hands of the said treasurer, agreeably to the above statement.

JOHN CONDIT,  
JOHN BLACK,  
HENRY SOUTHARD,  
DAVID WELSH,  
GERVAS HALL,  
JAMES HARRIS,  
PETER SMITH.

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Mr. Moore, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Bena-  
jah Parvin, reported,

**T**HAT it is the opinion of your committee that the prayer of the petitioner  
ought to be granted, it appearing to your committee that the commis-  
sioners of forfeited estates sold the property clear from any incumbrance.

By order of the committee,

DAVID MOORE.

*Ordered,* That the said report be read a second time.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the  
relief of insolvent debtors," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the same be referred to the next sitting.

The bill, intituled, "An act directing where the venue shall be laid in perso-  
nal and transitory actions," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be  
engrossed.

The house adjourned till Monday morning, ten of the clock.



Monday, November 14, 1796.

The house met.

Mr. Condict, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act for transferring such part of the confiscated estate of John Williams, of the county of Monmouth, that remains unfold and as is bequeathed in his last will and testament to his daughter, Rebecca Williams," reported the same with sundry amendments and the following title: "An act to authorize William Taylor to sue and recover the residue of the forfeited estate of John Williams," which was read, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, for this state," was read and compared;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Berry,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. M'Dowell,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Speer,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Hough,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. DeVroom.
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Vancleve,	
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Wade,	
Mr. Cobb,	Mr. Parret,	Mr. Wallace,	
Mr. Condict,	Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Ward,	
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Welsh,	
Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. S. Wyckoff,	
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. W. Wikoff.	
Mr. French,			

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Southard do carry the said bill to Council, and inform them that the same is passed by this house with their amendments.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of meadow lying on the North-Branch of Pensawkin-Creek, in the county of Burlington, to re-build and maintain a bank, dam and necessary water-works for stopping the tide out of the said creek, and to keep the water-course thereof open and clear," was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Speer do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

Mr. Southard reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to empower Robert Emley and Joseph King to fulfil certain contracts and agreements made and entered into by John Emley, deceased, relative to the sale of lands, and to sell and convey the real estate of the said John Emley," was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Terhune do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

Mr. Speer reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to direct the treasurer of this state to pay a certain sum of money to the legal representatives of Joseph Stenyard, deceased," was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Vancleve do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

Mr. Terhune reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Biddle, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioner, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of the legatees named in the last will and testament of Samuel Lippincott, deceased, late of the county of Burlington;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Ward, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions from the county of Bergen for erecting the upper part of the townships of Franklin and Saddle-River into a separate township, reported,

**T**HAT, in the opinion of your committee, the petitioners ought to have leave to present a bill on the first Thursday of the next sitting, on previously advertising the purport of the bill they intend to present, at least twenty-five days in three of the most public places in each of the said townships, designating the bounds of the proposed new township, together with a copy of this order.

By order of the committee,

PETER WARD.

To which the house agreed.

Several petitions, from Cumberland and Salem counties, respecting the road laid out from Roadstown, in the county of Cumberland, to Woodbury, were read and referred to be read a second time on the second Friday of the next sitting.

Mr. Clement, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of John Borton," which was read and referred to the next sitting.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Jacob Van Houten," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the townships of Hardeston, Wantage and Vernon, in the county of Suffex, praying the benefit of a lottery the better to enable them to repair a certain road therein referred to, was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Nottingham and Chesterfield, in the county of Burlington, praying leave to present a bill to declare Croswicks-Creek a lawful fence, between the draw-bridge and Hewes's (formerly Vandike's) landing, was read.

*Ordered,* That the petitioners have leave to present a bill on the first Monday in the next sitting, they previously advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present in three of the most public places in the vicinity of said creek, for two weeks, with a copy of this order.

A petition from Nicausa Kip, of the county of Bergen, stating a demand against the state, and praying payment, was read and leave given him to present a bill to answer the prayer of his petition.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Jacob Van Houten," was read and compared;



*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wade do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

Mr. Vancleve reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The engrossed bill, intitled, "An act to authorize William Taylor to sue for and recover the residue of the forfeited estate of John Williams," was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. VanDuyn do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

The bill, intitled, "An act to suppress fairs," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Kenneth Hankinson, presented the draught of a bill, intitled, "An act to direct a mode for the settlement of the accounts of Kenneth Hankinson, late collector of the county of Monmouth," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, "An act to prevent the importation of convicts into this state," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Wade reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intitled, "An act against usury," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Van Duyn reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The settlement of the treasurer's accounts, as made by the joint-committee of Council and Assembly, was read and approved.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That Gershom Craft be requested to prepare an alphabetical index of the laws passed by the Legislature of this state subsequent to the edition of Wilson, noting such laws or sections of laws which have been repealed, for which he shall be entitled to an adequate compensation.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ward do carry the said resolution to Council for concurrence.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten of the clock.

*Tuesday, November 15, 1796.*

The house met.

Mr. Ward reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Ward, with leave, and in behalf of the petitioners, presented the draught of a bill, intitled, "An act for the relief of Nicausey Kip;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee on civil claims, reported,

**T**HAT the claim of Kezia Hunt ought not to be determined by this house until the accounts of the agent of forfeited estates for the county of Middlesex are settled, and recommend that the treasurer and auditor

be directed to forward such settlement as speedily as may be, and that the state of the said accounts be reported to this house as soon as such settlement can be made.

By order of the committee,

JOSEPH STILLWELL.

To which the house agreed.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That when the house rise, they adjourn to meet on the fourth Wednesday in January next.

The report of Mr. Dayton, of the 12th instant, on the application of John Dorum and Sarah, his wife, was read and agreed to ; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That a warrant of half-pay issue accordingly.

Mr. Clement accordingly presented a warrant, which was read, approved and ordered to be signed.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Welsh do carry the said warrant to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Welsh reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Vancleve, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Reading, and the former report of a committee of this house, reported as follows :

**T**HAT your committee have attentively considered the case of the petitioner, and, from circumstances thereof, are of opinion that so far as respects the claim and demand of this state to the one third part of the monies prosecuted for by the said Joseph Taylor, and payable to the said state, the said petitioner ought to be exonerated and discharged therefrom, and that he have leave to present a bill accordingly.

By order of the committee,

BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Samuel Pleasants," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act for defraying fundry incidental charges ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Cooper, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the election of members of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly, sheriffs and coroners, in this state," to which he requested the concurrence of this house, which was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Samuel Pleasants," was read and compared ;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to suppress fairs," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :



Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Derry,	Mr. French,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Dayton,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Vancleve,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Van Duyn,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Hough,	Mr. DeVroom,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Terhune,
Mr. Cobb,	Mr. Parret,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. S. Wyckoff.
Mr. Condict,	Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Ward,	
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Welsh,	
Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. W. Wikoff.	
Mr. M'Dowell,	Mr. Somers,		

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act against usury," was read and compared;  
*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. S. Wyckoff do carry the said bills to Council, and request their concurrence.

The bill, intituled, "An act for defraying fundry incidental charges," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Wade, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act to authorize and empower the owners and proprietors of the land on the east branch of Rahway-River to clear out the said river from the bridge near the house of John Meeker, to the bridge above the land of William Reeves," reported the same with fundry amendments and the following title: "An act to appoint commissioners to clear out and remove the obstructions in Rahway-River, from the bridge near the house of John Meeker, to the bridge above the land of William Reeves;" which bill was read and postponed.

The speaker laid before the house resolutions expressive of the high sense which this house entertain of the conduct of the President of the United States, which were read and approved; and are as follow:

The House of Assembly, calling to mind the approaching period at which the President of the United States has declared his intention of retiring from public to private life, embrace with pleasure this early occasion to express their own, and, in their opinion, the sentiments of their constituents, suggested by that approaching event;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the wisdom, firmness and patriotism of the President of the United States during his administration, and his faithful and highly important services rendered to the government of the union at the most critical and interesting periods of its existence, have a just claim to the thanks and approbation of this house.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the late address of the President to the citizens of the United States is, in the opinion of this house, replete with sentiments of political wisdom, truth and justice, and merits our grateful acknowledgment; and while we sincerely regret and lament his determination to retire from the superintendence of the government of the United States, the anxiety and solicitude which we sensibly and irresistably feel on this occasion, are in some degree diminished by the hope and expectation that his successor in office will be emulous to imitate his virtue and pursue the wise and wholesome system of politics which has so conspicuously distinguished his administration, and so effectually secured to us the inestimable blessings of peace and the present unparralleled prosperity of our country.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing resolutions be sent to Council for concurrence, and that the speaker of the House of Assembly be requested to present a copy thereof to the President of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the same be engrossed.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten of the clock.

*Wednesday, November 16, 1796.*

The house met.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee of civil claims, upon the petition of Jacobus Dekay, a citizen of the state of New-York, reported,

**T**HAT, as far as is known to your committee, laws have been passed, and still exist in the said state, which exclude the citizens of this state from recovering any demands they may have against the estates which have been forfeited to and vested in the state of New-York aforesaid, and that therefore, in the opinion of your committee, no allowance ought to be made to the petitioner.

By order of the committee,

JOSEPH STILLWELL.

To which the house agreed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the election of members of the Legislative-Council and General-Assembly, sheriffs and coroners in this state," was read a second time and referred to the next sitting.

A petition from Catherine Stockton, widow and administratrix, &c. of Samuel W. Stockton, praying leave to present a bill to authorize commissioners to sell lands and complete contracts entered into by the said deceased, was read and referred to Messrs. Dayton, Hough and Van Duyn.

The report of Mr. Vancleve on the petition of Joseph Reading of the 15th instant, was read, amended and agreed to; whereupon,

Mr. Vancleve presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Joseph Reading," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The speaker laid before the house a statement of debts and bonds as securities for the performance of the duties prescribed by "An act to authorize persons whose estates have been confiscated, or their legal representatives, to demand and receive all debts or sums of money which are due to this state in virtue of such confiscations," passed November 28, 1789, and the supplement thereto, passed November 26, 1792, accompanied by a letter from the treasurer, which were read and ordered be filed.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to prevent the importation of convicts," was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for defraying fundry incidental charges," was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. W. Wikoff do carry the said bills to Council for concurrence.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of the legatees named in the last



will and testament of Samuel Lippincott, deceased, late of the county of Burlington," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. W. Wikoff reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The engrossed resolution expressive of the high sense which this house entertain of the conduct of the President of the United States, was read and compared ;

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Berry do carry the same to Council for concurrence.

The house adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Berry reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of the legatees named in the last will and testament of Samuel Lippincott, deceased, late of the county of Burlington," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Berry,	Mr. French,	Mr. Van Duyn,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. DeVroom,	Mr. Condict,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Hough,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. Randolph,
Mr. Cobb,	Mr. Parret,	Mr. S. Wyckoff,	Mr. Sharps,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Smith,		Mr. Stillwill,
Mr. McCullough,	Mr. Southard,		Mr. Somers,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Speer,		Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. McDowell,	Mr. Terhune,		Mr. Welsh.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Biddle do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

The House of Assembly, sensibly affected by a recollection of the eminent services of George Washington, President of the United States, and desirous of diffusing among the citizens of this state a knowledge of the principles which have directed his administration,

*Resolved*, That the late excellent address of the President of the United States is entitled to a place in the journals of this house.

Which address is as follows :

## TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

### FRIENDS & FELLOW-CITIZENS,

**T**HE period for a new election of a citizen to administer the executive government of the United States being not far distant, and the time actually arrived when your thoughts must be employed in designating the person who is to be clothed with that important trust, it appears to me proper, especially as it may conduce to a more distinct expression of the public voice, that I should now apprise you of the resolution I have formed, to decline being considered among the number of those out of whom a choice is to be made.

I beg you, at the same time, to do me the justice to be assured, that this resolution has not been taken without a strict regard to all the considerations appertaining to the relation which binds a dutiful citizen to his country ; and

that, in withdrawing the tender of service which silence in my situation might imply, I am influenced by no diminution of zeal for your future interest ; no deficiency of grateful respect for your past kindness ; but am supported by a full conviction that the step is compatible with both.

The acceptance of, and continuance hitherto in the office to which your suffrages have twice called me, have been a uniform sacrifice of inclination to the opinion of duty, and to a deference for what appeared to be your desire. I constantly hoped, that it would have been much earlier in my power, consistently with motives which I was not at liberty to disregard, to return to that retirement from which I had been reluctantly drawn. The strength of my resolution to do this, previous to the last election, had even led to the preparation of an address to declare it to you ; but mature reflection on the then perplexed and critical posture of our affairs with foreign nations, and the unanimous advice of persons entitled to my confidence, impelled me to abandon the idea.

I rejoice that the state of your concerns, external as well as internal, no longer renders the pursuit of inclination incompatible with the sentiment of duty, or propriety ; and am persuaded, whatever partiality may be retained for my services, that in the present circumstances of our country, you will not disapprove my determination to retire.

The impressions with which I first undertook the arduous trust, were explained on the proper occasion. In the discharge of this trust, I will only say, that I have, with good intentions, contributed towards the organization and administration of the government, the best exertions of which a very fallible judgment was capable. Not unconscious, in the outset, of the inferiority of my qualifications, experience in my own eyes, perhaps still more in the eyes of others, has strengthened the motives to diffidence of myself ; and every day the increasing weight of years admonishes me more and more that the shade of retirement is as necessary to me as it will be welcome. Satisfied that if any circumstances have given peculiar value to my services, they were temporary, I have the consolation to believe, that while choice and prudence invite me to quit the political scene, patriotism does not forbid it.

In looking forward to the moment, which is intended to terminate the career of my public life, my feelings do not permit me to suspend the deep acknowledgment of that debt of gratitude which I owe to my beloved country, for the many honours it has conferred upon me ; still more for the steadfast confidence with which it has supported me ; and for the opportunities I have thence enjoyed of manifesting my inviolable attachment, by services faithful and persevering, though in usefulness unequal to my zeal. If benefits have resulted to our country from these services, let it always be remembered to your praise, and as an instructive example in our annals, that under circumstances in which the passions, agitated in every direction, were liable to mislead, amidst appearances sometimes dubious—vicissitudes of fortune often discouraging—in situations in which not unfrequently want of success has countenanced the spirit of criticism—the constancy of your support was the essential prop of the efforts, and a guarantee of the plans by which they were effected.—Profoundly penetrated with this idea, I shall carry it with me to my grave, as a strong incitement to unceasing vows that Heaven may continue to you the choicest tokens of its beneficence—that your union and brotherly affection may be perpetual—that the free constitution, which is the work of your hands, may be



sacredly maintained—that its administration in every department may be stamped with wisdom and virtue—that, in fine, the happiness of the people of these states, under the auspices of liberty, may be made complete, by so careful a preservation and so prudent a use of this blessing as will acquire to them the glory of recommending it to the applause, the affection and the adoption of every nation which is yet a stranger to it.

Here, perhaps, I ought to stop. But a solicitude for your welfare, which cannot end but with my life, and the apprehension of danger, natural to that solicitude, urge me, on an occasion like the present, to offer to your solemn contemplation, and to recommend to your frequent review, some sentiments, which are the result of much reflection, of no inconsiderable observation, and which appear to me all important to the permanency of your felicity as a people. These will be offered to you with the more freedom, as you can only see in them the disinterested warnings of a parting friend, who can possibly have no personal motive to bias his counsel. Nor can I forget, as an encouragement to it, your indulgent reception of my sentiments on a former and not dissimilar occasion.

Interwoven as is the love of liberty with every ligament of your hearts, no recommendation of mine is necessary to fortify or confirm the attachment.

The unity of government which constitutes you one people, is also now dear to you. It is justly so; for it is a main pillar in the edifice of your real independence, the support of your tranquility at home, your peace abroad; of your safety; of your prosperity; of that very liberty which you so highly prize. But as it is easy to foresee, that from different causes and from different quarters, much pains will be taken, many artifices employed, to weaken in your minds the conviction of this truth; as this is the point in your political fortress against which the batteries of internal and external enemies will be most constantly and actively (though often covertly and insidiously) directed, it is of infinite moment that you should properly estimate the immense value of your national union to your collective and individual happiness; that you should cherish a cordial, habitual and immovable attachment to it; accustoming yourselves to think and speak of it as of the palladium of your political safety and prosperity; watching for its preservation with a jealous anxiety; discountenancing whatever may suggest even a suspicion that it can in any event be abandoned; and indignantly frowning upon the first dawning of every attempt to alienate any portion of our country from the rest, or to enfeeble the sacred ties which now link together the various parts.

For this you have every inducement of sympathy and interest. Citizens, by birth or choice, of a common country, that country has a right to concentrate your affections. The name of AMERICAN, which belongs to you in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of patriotism more than any appellation derived from local discriminations. With slight shades of difference, you have the same religion, manners, habits and political principles. You have in a common cause fought and triumphed together; the independence and liberty you possess are the work of joint councils, and joint efforts, of common dangers, sufferings and successes.

But these considerations, however powerfully they address themselves to your sensibility, are greatly outweighed by those which apply more immediately to your interest—Here every portion of our country finds the most commanding motives for carefully guarding and preserving the union of the whole.



The *North*, in an unrestrained intercourse with the *South*, protected by the equal laws of a common government, finds in the productions of the latter, great additional resources of maritime and commercial enterprise and precious materials of manufacturing industry. The *South*, in the same intercourse, benefiting by the agency of the *North*, sees its agriculture grow and its commerce expand. Turning partly into its own channels the seamen of the *North*, it finds its particular navigation invigorated:—and while it contributes, in different ways, to nourish and increase the general mass of the national navigation, it looks forward to the protection of a maritime strength, to which itself is unequally adapted. The *East*, in like intercourse with the *West*, already finds, and in the progressive improvement of interior communication, by land and water, will more and more find a valuable vent for the commodities which it brings from abroad, or manufactures at home. The *West* derives from the *East* supplies requisite to its growth and comfort—and what is perhaps of still greater consequence, it must of necessity owe the *secure* enjoyment of indispensable *outlets* for its own productions to the weight, influence, and the future maritime strength of the Atlantic side of the union, directed by an indissoluble community of interest as *one nation*. Any other tenure by which the *West* can hold this essential advantage, whether derived from its own separate strength, or from an apostate and unnatural connection with any foreign power, must be intrinsically precarious.

While then every part of our country thus feels an immediate and particular interest in union, all the parties combined cannot fail to find in the united mass of means and efforts greater strength, greater resource, proportionably greater security from external danger; a less frequent interruption of their peace by foreign nations;—and what is of inestimable value! they must derive from union an exemption from those broils and wars, between themselves, which so frequently afflict neighbouring countries not tied together by the same government; which their own rivalships alone would be sufficient to produce, but which opposite foreign alliances, attachments and intrigues would stimulate and embitter.—Hence likewise they will avoid the necessity of those overgrown military establishments which, under any form of government, are inauspicious to liberty, and which are to be regarded as particularly hostile to republican liberty; in this sense it is, that your union ought to be considered as a main prop of your liberty, and that the love of the one ought to endear to you the preservation of the other.

These considerations speak a persuasive language to every reflecting and virtuous mind, and exhibit the continuance of the UNION as a primary object of patriotic desire.—Is there a doubt whether a common government can embrace so large a sphere?—Let experience solve it. To listen to mere speculation in such a case were criminal. We are authorized to hope that a proper organization of the whole, with auxiliary agency of governments for the respective subdivisions, will afford a happy issue to the experiment. 'Tis well worth a fair and full experiment. With such powerful and obvious motives to union, affecting all parts of our country, while experience shall not have demonstrated its impracticability, there will always be reason to distrust the patriotism of those who in any quarter may endeavour to weaken its bands.

In contemplating the causes which may disturb our union, it occurs as a matter of serious concern, that any ground should have been furnished for characterising parties by *Geographical* discriminations—*Northern* and *Southern*—*Atlantic* and *Western*; whence designing men may endeavour to excite a belief



that there is a real difference of local interests and views. One of the expedients of party to acquire influence, within particular districts, is to misrepresent the opinions and aims of other districts. You cannot shield yourselves too much against the jealousies and heart burnings which spring from these misrepresentations: They tend to render alien to each other those who ought to be bound together by fraternal affection. The inhabitants of our western country have lately had a useful lesson on this head: They have seen, in the negotiation by the executive, and in the unanimous ratification by the Senate, of the treaty with Spain, and in the universal satisfaction at that event throughout the United States, a decisive proof how unfounded were the suspicions propagated among them of a policy in the general government and in the Atlantic states unfriendly to their interests in regard to the MISSISSIPPI: They have been witnesses to the formation of two treaties, that with Great-Britain and that with Spain, which secure to them every thing they could desire, in respect to our foreign relations, towards confirming their prosperity. Will it not be their wisdom to rely for the preservation of these advantages on the UNION by which they were procured? Will they not henceforth be deaf to those advisers, if such there are, who would sever them from their brethren and connect them with aliens?

To the efficacy and permanency of your union, a government for the whole is indispensable—No alliances, however strict, between the parts can be an adequate substitute; they must inevitably experience the infractions and interruptions which all alliances in all times have experienced. Sensible of this momentous truth, you have improved upon your first essay, by the adoption of a constitution of government better calculated than your former for an intimate union, and for the efficacious management of your common concerns. This government, the offspring of our own choice, uninfluenced and unawed, adopted upon full investigation and mature deliberation, completely free in its principles, in the distribution of its powers, uniting security with energy, and containing within itself a provision for its own amendment, has a just claim to your confidence and your support. Respect for its authority, compliance with its laws, acquiescence in its measures, are duties enjoined by the fundamental maxims of true liberty. The basis of our political systems is the right of the people to make and to alter their constitutions of government—But the constitution, which at any time exists, 'till changed by an explicit and authentic act of the whole people, is sacredly obligatory upon all. The very idea of the power and the right of the people to establish government presupposes the duty of every individual to obey the established government.

All obstructions to the execution of the laws, all combinations and associations, under whatever plausible character, with the real design to direct, controul, counteract, or awe the regular deliberation and action of the constituted authorities, are destructive of this fundamental principle, and of fatal tendency. They serve to organize faction, to give it an artificial and extraordinary force—to put in the place of the delegated will of the nation, the will of a party, often a small, but artful and enterprising minority of the community; and, according to the alternate triumphs of different parties, to make the public administration the mirror of the ill-concerted and incongruous projects of faction, rather than the organ of consistent and wholesome plans digested by common councils, and modified by mutual interests.

However combinations or associations of the above description may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things

to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people, and to usurp for themselves the reins of government ; destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion.

Towards the preservation of your government, and the permanency of your present happy state, it is requisite, not only that you speedily discountenance irregular oppositions to its acknowledged authority, but also that you resist with care the spirit of innovation upon its principles however specious the pretexts. One method of assault may be to effect in the forms of the constitution alterations which will impair the energy of the system, and thus to undermine what cannot be directly overthrown. In all the changes to which you may be invited, remember that time and habit are at least as necessary to fix the true character of governments, as of other human institutions—that experience is the surest standard, by which to test the real tendency of the existing constitution of a country—that facility in changes upon the credit of mere hypothesis and opinion, exposes to perpetual change, from the endless variety of hypothesis and opinion ; and remember, especially, that for the efficient management of your common interests, in a country so extensive as ours, a government of as much vigour as is consistent with the perfect security of liberty, is indispensable. Liberty itself will find in such a government, with powers properly distributed and adjusted, its surest guardian. It is, indeed, little else than a name, where the government is too feeble to withstand the enterprises of faction, to confine each member of the society within the limits prescribed by the laws, and to maintain all in the secure and tranquil enjoyment of the rights of person and property.

I have already intimated to you, the danger of parties in the state, with particular reference to the founding of them on geographical discriminations. Let me now take a more comprehensive view, and warn you in the most solemn manner against the baneful effects of the spirit of party, generally.

This spirit, unfortunately, is inseparable from our nature, having its root in the strongest passions of the human mind.—It exists under different shapes in all governments, more or less stifled, controuled, or repressed ; but in those of the popular form, it is seen in its greatest rankness, and is truly their worst enemy.

The alternate domination of one faction over another, sharpened by the spirit of revenge, natural to party dissention, which in different ages and countries has perpetrated the most horrid enormities, is itself a frightful despotism.—But this leads at length to a more formal and permanent despotism.—The disorders and miseries, which result, gradually incline the minds of men to seek security and repose in the absolute power of an individual ; and sooner or later the chief of some prevailing faction, more able or more fortunate than his competitors, turns this disposition to the purposes of his own elevation, on the ruins of public liberty.

Without looking forward to an extremity of this kind (which nevertheless ought not to be entirely out of sight) the common and continual mischiefs of the spirit of party are sufficient to make it the interest and duty of a wise people to discourage and restrain it.

It serves always to distract the public councils and enfeeble the public administration. It agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false



alarms ; kindles the animosity of one part against another, foment occasion- ally riot and insurrection. It opens the door to foreign influence and corrup- tion, which find a facilitated access to the government itself through the chan- nels of party passions. Thus the policy and will of one country are subjected to the policy and will of another.

There is an opinion that parties in free countries are useful checks upon the administration of the government, and serve to keep alive the spirit of liberty. This within certain limits is probably true ; and in governments of a monar- chical cast, patriotism may look with indulgence, if not with favour, upon the spirit of party. But in those of the popular character, in governments pure- ly elective, it is a spirit not to be encouraged. From their natural tendency, it is certain there will always be enough of that spirit for every salutary pur- pose. And there being constant danger of excess, the effort ought to be, by force of public opinion, to mitigate and assuage it. A fire not to be quenched ; it demands a uniform vigilance to prevent its bursting into a flame, lest, in- stead of warming it should consume.

It is important likewise, that the habits of thinking in a free country should inspire caution in those entrusted with its administration, to confine them- selves within their respective constitutional spheres, avoiding in the exercise of the powers of one department to encroach upon another. The spirit of en- croachment tends to consolidate the powers of all the departments in one, and thus to create, whatever the form of government, a real despotism. A just estimate of that love of power, and proneness to abuse it, which predominates in the human heart, is sufficient to satisfy us of the truth of this position. The necessity of reciprocal checks in the exercise of political power ; by dividing and distributing it into different depositories, and constituting each the guard- ian of the public weal against invasions by the others, has been evinced by ex- periments ancient and modern ; some of them in our country and under our own eyes. To preserve them must be as necessary as to institute them. If, in the opinion of the people, the distribution or modification of the constitu- tional powers be in any particular wrong, let it be corrected by an amend- ment in the way which the constitution designates.—But let there be no change by usurpation ; for though this, in one instance, may be the instru- ment of good, it is the customary weapon by which free governments are de- stroyed.—The precedent must always greatly overbalance in permanent evil any partial or transient benefit which the use can at any time yield.

Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the trib- ute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happi- ness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politi- cian, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them. A vol- ume could not trace all their connections with private and public felicity. Let it simply be asked, where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation *desert* the oaths, which are the instru- ments of investigation in courts of justice ? And let us with caution indulge the supposition, that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure ; reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national moral- ity can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.

'Tis substantially true, that virtue or morality is a necessary spring of po- pular government. The rule indeed extends with more or less force to every

species of free government. Who that is a sincere friend to it can look with indifference upon attempts to shake the foundation of the fabric?

Promote, then, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened.

As a very important source of strength and security, cherish public credit. One method of preserving it, is to use it as sparingly as possible; avoiding occasions of expense by cultivating peace; but remembering also that timely disbursements to prepare for danger, frequently prevent much greater disbursements to repel it; avoiding likewise the accumulation of debt, not only by shunning occasions of expense, but by vigorous exertions in time of peace to discharge the debts which unavoidable war may have occasioned, not ungenerously throwing upon posterity the burthen which we ourselves ought to bear.—The execution of these maxims belongs to your representatives, but it is necessary that public opinion should co-operate.—To facilitate to them the performance of their duty, it is essential that you should practically bear in mind, that towards the payment of debts there must be revenue; that to have revenue there must be taxes; that no taxes can be devised which are not more or less inconvenient and unpleasant; that the intrinsic embarrassment inseparable from the selection of the proper objects (which is always a choice of difficulties) ought to be a decisive motive for a candid construction of the conduct of the government in making it, and for a spirit of acquiescence in the measures, for obtaining revenue which the public exigences may at any time dictate.

Observe good faith and justice towards nations, cultivate Peace and Harmony with all; Religion and Morality enjoin this conduct; and can it be that good policy does not equally enjoin it? It will be worthy of a free, enlightened, and, at no distant period, a great nation, to give to mankind the magnanimous and too novel example of a people always guided by an exalted justice and benevolence. Who can doubt that in the course of time and things the fruits of such a plan would richly repay any temporary advantages which might be lost by a steady adherence to it? Can it be, that Providence has not connected the permanent felicity of a nation with its virtue? The experiment, at least, is recommended by every sentiment which ennobles human nature. Alas! is it rendered impossible by its vices?

In the execution of such a plan, nothing is more essential than that permanent, inveterate antipathies against particular nations, and passionate attachments for others should be excluded; and that in place of them just and amicable feelings towards all should be cultivated. The nation, which indulges towards another an habitual hatred, or an habitual fondness, is in some degree a slave. It is a slave to its animosity or to its affection, either of which is sufficient to lead it astray from its duty and its interest. Antipathy in one nation against another disposes each more readily to offer insult and injury, to lay hold of slight causes of umbrage, and to be haughty and intractable when accidental or trifling occasions of dispute occur. Hence frequent collisions, obstinate, envenomed and bloody contests. The nation, prompted by ill will and resentment, sometimes impels to war the Government, contrary to the best calculations of policy. The Government sometimes participates in the national propensity, and adopts, through passion, what reason would reject; at other times, it makes the animosity of the nation subservient to projects of hostility instigated by



pride, ambition and other sinister and pernicious motives. The peace often, sometimes perhaps the liberty of nations has been the victim.

So likewise, a passionate attachment of one nation for another produces a variety of evils. Sympathy for the favourite nation, facilitating the illusion of an imaginary common interest, in cases where no real common interest exists, and infusing into one the enmities of the other, betrays the former into a participation in the quarrels and wars of the latter, without adequate inducement or justification. It leads also to concessions to the favourite nation of privileges denied to others, which is apt doubly to injure the nation making the concessions, by unnecessarily parting with what ought to have been retained ; and by exciting jealousy, ill will and a disposition to retaliate, in the parties from whom equal privileges are withheld ; and it gives to ambitious, corrupted, or deluded citizens (who devote themselves to the favourite nation) facility to betray, or sacrifice the interests of their own country, without odium, sometimes even with popularity ; gilding with the appearances of a virtuous sense of obligation, a commendable deference for public opinion, or a laudable zeal for public good, the base or foolish compliances of ambition, corruption or infatuation.

As avenues to foreign influence in innumerable ways, such attachments are particularly alarming to the truly enlightened and independent patriot. How many opportunities do they afford to tamper with domestic factions, to practice the arts of seduction, to mislead public opinion, to influence or awe the public councils. Such an attachment of a small or weak, towards a great and powerful nation, dooms the former to be the satellite of the latter.

Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence (I conjure you to believe me, fellow-citizens) the jealousy of a free people ought to be *constantly* awake ; since history and experience prove that foreign influence is one of the most baneful foes of republican government. But that jealousy to be useful must be impartial ; else it becomes the instrument of the very influence to be avoided, instead of a defence against it.—Excessive partiality for one foreign nation, and excessive dislike of another, cause those whom they actuate to see danger only on one side, and serve to veil and even second the arts of influence on the other.—Real patriots, who may resist the intrigues of the favourite, are liable to become suspected and odious ; while its tools and dupes usurp the applause and confidence of the people, to surrender their interests.

The great rule of conduct for us, in regard to foreign nations, is in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little *political* connection as possible. So far as we have already formed engagements, let them be fulfilled with perfect good faith.—Here let us stop.

Europe has a set of primary interests, which to us have none, or a very remote relation. Hence she must be engaged in frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns. Hence, therefore, it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves by artificial ties, in the ordinary vicissitudes of her politics, or the ordinary combinations and collisions of her friendships, or enmities.

Our detached and distant situation invites and enables us to pursue a different course. If we remain one people, under an efficient government, the period is not far off when we may defy material injury from external annoyance ; when we may take such an attitude as will cause the neutrality, we may at any time resolve upon, to be scrupulously respected ; when belligerent nations,

under the impossibility of making acquisitions upon us, will not lightly hazard the giving us provocation ; when we may choose peace or war, as our interest, guided by justice, shall counsel.

Why forego the advantages of so peculiar a situation ? Why quit our own to stand upon foreign ground ? Why, by interweaving our destiny with that of any part of Europe, entangle our peace and prosperity in the toils of European ambition, rivalry, interest, humour or caprice ?

'Tis our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world ; so far, I mean, as we are now at liberty to do it ; for let me not be understood as capable of patronising infidelity to existing engagements, I hold the maxim no less applicable to public than to private affairs, that honesty is always the best policy. I repeat it, therefore, let those engagements be observed in their genuine sense. But, in my opinion, it is unnecessary and would be unwise to extend them.

Taking care always to keep ourselves, by suitable establishments, on a respectable defensive posture, we may safely trust to temporary alliances for extraordinary emergencies.

Harmony, liberal intercourse with all nations, are recommended by policy, humanity, and interest. But even our commercial policy should hold an equal and impartial hand ; neither seeking nor granting exclusive favours or preferences ; consulting the natural course of things ; diffusing and diversifying by gentle means the streams of commerce, but forcing nothing ; establishing, with powers so disposed, in order to give trade a stable course, to define the rights of our merchants, and to enable the government to support them ; conventional rules of intercourse, the best that present circumstances and mutual opinion will permit, but temporary, and liable to be from time to time abandoned or varied, as experience and circumstances shall dictate ; constantly keeping in view, that 'tis folly in one nation to look for disinterested favours from another ; that it must pay with a portion of its independence for whatever it may accept under that character ; that by such acceptance, it may place itself in the condition of having given equivalents for nominal favours, and yet of being reproached with ingratitude for not giving more. There can be no greater error than to expect, or calculate upon real favours from nation to nation. 'Tis an illusion which experience must cure, which a just pride ought to discard.

In offering to you, my countrymen, these counsels of an old and affectionate friend, I dare not hope they will make the strong and lasting impression I could wish ; that they will controul the usual current of the passions, or prevent our nation from running the course which has hitherto marked the destiny of nations : But if I may even flatter myself that they may be productive of some partial benefit, some occasional good ; that they may now and then recur to moderate the fury of party spirit, to warn against the mischiefs of foreign intrigues, to guard against the impostures of pretended patriotism ; this hope will be a full recompense for the solicitude for your welfare, by which they have been dictated.

How far, in the discharge of my official duties, I have been guided by the principles which have been delineated, the public records and other evidences of my conduct must witness to you and to the world. To myself, the assurance of my conscience is, that I have at least believed myself to be guided by them.



In relation to the still subsisting war in Europe, my proclamation of the 22d of April, 1793, is the index to my plan. Sanctioned by your approving voice and by that of your representatives in both houses of Congress, the spirit of that measure has continually governed me; uninfluenced by any attempts to deter or divert me from it.

After deliberate examination, with the aid of the best lights I could obtain, I was well satisfied that our country, under all the circumstances of the case, had a right to take, and was bound in duty and interest, to take a neutral position. Having taken it, I determined, as far as should depend upon me, to maintain it, with moderation, perseverance and firmness.

The considerations which respect the right to hold this conduct, it is not necessary on this occasion to detail. I will only observe, that according to my understanding of the matter, that right, so far from being denied by any of the belligerent powers, has been virtually admitted by all.

The duty of holding a neutral conduct may be inferred, without any thing more, from the obligation which justice and humanity impose on every nation, in cases in which it is free to act, to maintain inviolate the relations of peace and amity towards other nations.

The inducements of interest for observing that conduct will best be referred to your own reflections and experience. With me, a predominant motive has been to endeavour to gain time to our country to settle and mature its yet recent institutions, and to progress without interruption, to that degree of strength and consistency, which is necessary to give it, humanly speaking, the command of its own fortunes.

Though in reviewing the incidents of my administration, I am unconscious of intentional error; I am nevertheless too sensible of my defects not to think it probable that I may have committed many errors. Whatever they may be, I fervently beseech the Almighty to avert or mitigate the evils to which they may tend. I shall also carry with me the hope that my country will never cease to view them with indulgence; and that after forty-five years of my life dedicated to its service, with an upright zeal, the faults of incompetent abilities will be consigned to oblivion, as myself must soon be to the mansions of rest.

Relying on its kindness in this as in other things; and actuated by that fervent love towards it, which is so natural to a man, who views in it the native soil of himself and his progenitors for several generations; I anticipate with pleasing expectation that retreat, to which I promise myself to realize, without alloy, the sweet enjoyment of partaking, in the midst of my fellow-citizens, the benign influence of good laws under a free government—the ever favourite object of my heart, and the happy reward, as I trust, of our mutual cares, labours and dangers.

G. WASHINGTON.

UNITED STATES,

17th September, 1796.

The bill, intitled, “An act for the relief of Joseph Reading,” was read a second time and committed to Messrs. S. Wyckoff, Morgan and Somers.

Mr. Sinnickson, from Council, informed the house that Council have concurred in the resolution empowering Gerthom Craft to prepare an alphabetical index of the laws of this state passed subsequent to the edition of Wilson.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee of civil claims, reported,

**T**HAT the committee have examined the petition and papers of Yelles Bartholff, to them referred, and are of opinion that the petition is not supported by said papers, and report that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

By order of the committee,

JOSEPH STILLWELL.

To which the house agreed.

Mr. S. Wyckoff, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Joseph Reading," reported the same with fundry amendments, which was read and recommitted to Messrs. Wade, Biddle and Southard.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten of the clock.

*Thursday, November 17, 1796.*

The house met.

Mr. Wade, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Joseph Reading," reported the same with fundry amendments, which was read, and being further amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Lambert, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act for the support of the government of the state of New-Jersey."

Mr. Lambert, from Council, returned the bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to build a toll-bridge over the river Raritan, at the city of New-Brunswick," with fundry amendments, to which he requested the concurrence of this house; which bill, as amended, was read, and the amendments being read in their places were agreed to and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Kitchel, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act for defraying fundry incidental charges."

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to build a toll-bridge over the river Raritan, at the city of New-Brunswick," was read and compared;

*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Burrowes do carry the said bill to the Council and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house with their amendments.

Mr. Ogden, from Council, informed the house that the resolution expressive of the attachment and approbation to the person and administration of the President of the United States is unanimously concurred in by Council.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the clerk of this house subscribe for two copies of the book proposed to be published, intituled, "The American Senator."

Mr. Burrowes reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house adjourned till the fourth Wednesday in January next.





*James VanDuyne Esq. General*

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TRENTON, *January 25, 1797.*

The house met.

**R**ICHARD TOWNSEND, Elijah Townsend and Abijah Smith, returned as representatives for the county of Cape-May, for the remainder of the present session, agreeably to a warrant issued for that purpose, appeared in the house and produced the respective certificates of their election, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed ; whereupon, being duly sworn and affirmed by the speaker, they took their seats in the house.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Berry do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that a quorum of the Assembly have this day met and proceeded to business.

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Wade, Biddle and Bowen, be a committee to examine the minutes of the last sitting, and report what business remains referred, or unfinished.

The speaker laid before the house the following answer from the President of the United States to the resolutions of the Legislature, passed at the last sitting.

*To James Linn, vice-president of the Council, and J. H. Imlay, speaker of the House of Assembly of the state of New-Jersey.*

GENTLEMEN,

I am truly sensible of the honor done me by the concurrent and unanimous resolutions of the Council and House of Assembly of the state of New-Jersey, passed the 15th and 16th instant, approving my conduct in the administration



of the government of the United States, and regretting my determination to retire from public life. They have also been pleased to express their acknowledgments for the sentiments contained in my late address to my fellow-citizens, which affection, respect, and solicitude for their lasting welfare, prompted me to lay before them. Such testimonies, while they manifest the kindness of the Council and Assembly, persuade me to believe that my services have been useful to my country, a consideration which will render their recollection dear to me to the latest period of my life.

Go: WASHINGTON.

*United States, November 21, 1796.*

*Ordered,* That the clerk furnish Mr. Day with a copy of the resolutions of the Legislature approving of the conduct of the President of the United States, with his answer, for publication.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten of the clock.

*Thursday, January 26, 1797.*

The house met.

A certificate of half-pay in favor of Henry Miles and Joyce, his wife, was read and referred to the committee of military claims.

Mr. Wade from the committee appointed to examine the minutes of the last sitting, and to report such business as stands referred, or remains unfinished, presented the following list of unfinished business.

1. A petition from the county of Suffex, praying for the benefit of a lottery, ordered a second reading.

2. A bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of John Borton," referred to this sitting.

3. The bill, intituled, "An act to raise the sum of fifteen thousand pounds for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven," ordered a second reading.

4. The report of Mr. Moore on the petition of Benajah Parvin of the 12th November last, ordered a second reading.

5. The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Nicausie Kip," ordered a second reading.

6. A petition praying that a law may pass to divide Newton township, in Suffex county, ordered a second reading.

7. The petition of Jacobus Post and the report of Mr. Southard thereon, of the 24th February last, ordered a second reading.

8. The petition from the members of the methodist church at Shrewsbury for a lottery, ordered a second reading.

9. The report of Mr. Burrowes on the application of the stage proprietors and others of the 9th November last, ordered a second reading.

10. The bill, intituled, "An act the better to promote the impartial administration of justice," postponed.

11. The petition from Dover, in Monmouth county, for a lottery, ordered a second reading.

12. The letter from the governor, inclosing a letter from the secretary of the treasury of the United States, ordered a second reading.

13. The report of Mr. Wade, of the 7th of November last, on the memorials from Cumberland, ordered a second reading.

14. The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to incorporate a part of the township of Trenton, in the county of Hunterdon," ordered a second reading.

15. The bill, intituled, "An act for appointing commissioners to make sale of property belonging to this state in the stock of the society for establishing useful manufactures," postponed.

16. The bill, intituled, "A supplementary act to the act, intituled, "An act to empower the governor of this state to incorporate a company to build a toll-bridge over Rancocus Creek," ordered a second reading.

17. Several petitions from Salem about the road from Road's-Town to Woodbury, ordered a second reading on the second Friday of this sitting.

18. The bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadows, swamp, and low-lands on the river Passaick and its several branches, between the Little Falls and the mill-dam at Chatham, to break up the reefs near said falls, and to dig canals for the more effectual draining said lands, and to raise money for that purpose.

19. The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Joseph Reading," was ordered to be engrossed.

20. The bill, intituled, "An act to direct a mode for the settlement of the accounts of Kenneth Hankinson, esquire, late collector of the county of Monmouth," ordered a second reading.

21. The bill, intituled, "An act to appoint commissioners to clear out and remove the obstructions in Rahway-River, from the bridge near the house of John Meeker to the bridge above the land of William Reeves," postponed.

22. The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," referred to this sitting.

23. The bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to lay out a road on the southerly side of Cohansey-Creek, in the county of Cumberland, and to establish a ferry across the said creek, from the town of Greenwich to the said road," passed 28th June, 1766, referred to this sitting.

24. The bill intituled, "An act to authorize William Kemble and Zerobabel Gaskell to build, erect and maintain a dam and grist-mill on a branch of the Dividing-Creeks called Folly-Run, in the township of Downs, in the county of Cumberland," referred to be read on the third Wednesday of this sitting.

25. The bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the election of members of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly, sheriffs and coroners in this state," referred to this sitting.

26. The bill, intituled, "An act giving relief to creditors where prisoners for debt escape or die.

27. The bill, intituled, "An act to prevent gaming," ordered a second reading.

28. The bill, intituled, "An act concerning inns and taverns," ordered a second reading.

29. The bill, intituled, "An act to empower the governor of this state to incorporate a company to improve the navigation of the south branch of Great-Timber-Creek, in the county of Gloucester," was ordered to be engrossed.

30. The bill, intituled, "An act for improving the navigation of Alloway's-Creek in the county of Salem," referred.

31. The bill, intituled, "An act for procuring an accurate map of the state," ordered a second reading,



32. The bill, intitled, "An act for constituting and supporting schools of education throughout the state," ordered a second reading.

33. The bill, intitled, "An act concerning obligations and to enable mutual dealers to discount," ordered a second reading.

34. The bill, intitled, "An act concerning apprentices and servants," ordered a second reading.

35. The bill, intitled, "An act respecting slaves," ordered a second reading.

By order of the committee,

JONAS WADE.

*Ordered*, That the said report do lie on the table.

Sundry petitions from prisoners confined in gaol for debt, were read, praying the Legislature to pass a law for the relief of insolvent debtors ;

*Ordered*, That the same be read a second time with the bill for the relief of insolvent debtors.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the treasurer be directed to lay before this house a state of the monies in the treasury and of the debts due from this state.

Mr. Berry reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The report of Mr. Wade, of unfinished business, was taken up ;

The paper therein, marked No. 1, was read and dismissed.

Mr. Ogden, from Council, informed the house that a sufficient number of members of Council had met and proceeded to business.

The house adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Parret attended and took his seat.

The paper in the report of unfinished business, marked No. 8, was read and dismissed.

The petition from Jacobus Post, and the report thereon, with the papers accompanying the same were read a second time ;

*Ordered*, That the petitioner have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of his petition.

The petition from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Newton, in the county of Suffex, praying that a law may be passed to direct a division of the said township, was read a second time ;

*Ordered*, That leave be given to present a bill, on previously advertising the purport of the bill, and the time when the same shall be presented, for at least ten days, in three of the most public places in the said township.

Mr. Ward, agreeably to leave given, presented the draught of a bill, intitled "An act to incorporate into a township a part of the townships of Saddle-River and Franklin, in the county of Bergen ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, "An act for the relief of John Borton," was read a second time, and the consideration thereof postponed, to be read with the bill for the relief of insolvent debtors.

The bill, intitled, "An act the better to promote the impartial administration of justice," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The petition from the methodist church at Shrewsbury, praying for the benefit of a lottery, was read and dismissed.

The petition from sundry inhabitants of the township of Dover, in the county of Monmouth, praying the benefit of a lottery to raise one thousand dollars for the purpose of building a church and school-house, was read a second time and dismissed.

The letter from his excellency the governor, inclosing a letter from the secretary of the treasury of the United States, was read a second time and committed to Messrs. DeVroom, Condict and Dayton.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Friday, January 27, 1797.*

The house met.

Mr. Beardlee, from Council, informed the house that Council had passed the bill, intituled, "An act to suppress fairs," without amendment.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Joseph Reading," was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Biddle do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

The bill, intituled, "An act appointing commissioners to make sale of property belonging to this state in the stock of the society for establishing useful manufactures," was read a second time and referred to the next sitting.

The bill, intituled, "An act to appoint commissioners to clear out and remove the obstructions in Rahway-River, from the bridge near the house of John Meeker to the bridge above the land of William Reeves," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the election of members of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly, sheriffs and coroners in this state," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the election of members of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly, sheriffs and coroners in this state, and after some time spent thereon.

*Ordered,* That the said bill be committed to Messrs. Vancleve, Southard and Cox.

Mr. Vancleve, from the committee appointed to consult with proper artizans, and report their opinion as to the size and construction of a building for the confinement and employment of convicts, and make an estimate of the probable expense thereof, reported,

**T**HAT they have consulted a mechanic, and a part of the committee, with the said mechanic, viewed the penitentiary prison in Philadelphia, and are of opinion, that it will be proper for this state to erect a building for the purpose of carrying into effect the law for the punishment of crimes, of the following size and construction, viz. For the accommodation of the prison-



keeper and his assistants, a house about 42 feet by 46, two stories high, besides the ground story or cellar, with a piazza on the back-side next to the yard, and in view thereof; and for the accommodation of the prisoners, their confinement and employment, there be a wing at each end of the said house, the one about 70 feet long, the other about 55, and each about 30 feet wide, and two stories high besides the ground story, the upper rooms of which to be arched over-head; that there be a separate building sufficient for two cells, for solitary confinement; that the yard, consisting of a space of three hundred feet in length and two hundred and fifty in breadth, be enclosed with a stone wall twelve feet high, a plan or draught of which the committee submit to the house for their inspection; the expense of which is estimated at between four and five thousand pounds. Your committee further observe, that although the plan above proposed for the confinement and employment of the prisoners is small, yet, perhaps, sufficient for the present exigencies of the state, and, if not, the wings of the building may be extended to a sufficient length without any inconvenience or more additional expense than at present would be required. Your committee further observe, that, in their opinion, it will be necessary to purchase a lot of land, about two acres and a half, for the above purpose, and they take the liberty to recommend that a committee be appointed to view the ground and obtain conditions from the proprietor thereof for purchasing the same.

By order of the committee,

BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

*Ordered*, That the said report be read a second time.

The bill, intituled, "An act to prevent gaming," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act giving relief to creditors where prisoners for debt escape or die," was read a second time, debated and ordered a third reading.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Saturday, January 28, 1797.*

The house met.

Mr. Stillwell attended and took his seat.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Catharine Stockton, administratrix, &c. of Samuel Witham Stockton, esquire, deceased, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act concerning the real estate of Samuel Witham Stockton, late of the county of Hunterdon, esquire, deceased;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Peter Wintermute and Jacob Savekool, administrators, &c. of Jacob Smith, deceased, praying leave to present a bill to authorize some person or persons to complete certain contracts entered into by the deceased, relative to his real estate, was read and ordered a second reading.

The report of Mr. Vancleve of yesterday was read a second time and agreed to; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Stillwell, Hough and Cobb be a committee to confer with the proprietors of the land where it is proposed to erect the house of cor-

rection, and to report on what terms the lands required for the building may be had.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning inns and taverns," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Dayton, Clement and Condict.

Mr. Outwater, from Council, informed the house that Council had passed the bill, intituled, "An act to prevent the importation of convicts into this state," without amendment.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to empower the governor of this state to incorporate a company to improve the navigation of the south branch of Great-Timber-Creek, in the county of Gloucester," was read and compared ;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Bowen do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Moore attended and took his seat.

The bill, intituled, "An act giving relief to creditors where prisoners for debt escape or die," was read a third time ;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Burrowes do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Condit, from Council, informed the house that Council had passed the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Jacob VanHouten," without amendment.

The members withdrew to attend a joint-meeting, and being returned, the speaker resumed the chair, and then

The house adjourned till Monday morning ten of the clock.

*Monday, January 30, 1797.*

The house met.

Mr. Bowen reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

A petition from Lenah Stillwell, praying that her late husband's estate, which was confiscated, may be returned to her, was read and dismissed.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to prevent gaming," was read and compared ;

*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Clement do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

Mr. Burrowes reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

A petition from Elizabeth Fraunces, widow of Samuel Fraunces, praying, for reasons therein contained, that a part of her late husband's estate, which was forfeited to and vested in the state, may be returned to her, was read and dismissed.



The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to direct a mode for the settlement of the accounts of Kenneth Hankinson, esquire, late collector of the county of Monmouth," and after having gone through the said bill,

*Ordered*, That the same be engrossed.

The speaker laid before the house a statement of the monies in the treasury and of the debts due from this state, furnished by the treasurer agreeably to the order of the house, which was read and committed to Messrs. DeVroom, Condict and Dayton.

Mr. Clement reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Messrs. Stillwell, Hough and Cobb having been appointed a committee to confer with the proprietors of the lands on which it is proposed to erect the house of correction, and to report on what terms the same may be had,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Cobb do wait on the Council and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of this house for that purpose.

Mr. Randolph, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act to direct the treasurer of this state to pay a certain sum of money to the legal representatives of Joseph Stenyard, deceased, without amendment.

The report of Mr. Burrowes on the application of the stage proprietors and others of the 9th of November last, was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Burrowes, DeVroom and Cobb.

Mr. Walton, from Council, informed the house that the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of the legatees named in the last will and testament of Samuel Lippencott, deceased, late of the county of Burlington," is passed by Council without amendment.

Mr. Black, from Council, informed the house that the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Samuel Pleasants," is passed by Council without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning obligations and to enable mutual dealers to discount," was read a second time ;

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting apprentices and servants," was read a second time ;

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next.

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting slaves," was read a second time ;

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Friday next.

Mr. Cox, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act to provide for the distribution of the laws, votes and proceedings of the Legislature throughout the state ;" which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Stillwell, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, an act concerning acknowledging deeds in the colony of New-Jersey, and declaring how the estate or right of a *feme covert* may be conveyed or extinguished ;" which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Cobb reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the treasurer, stating the necessity of passing a law to authorize him to draw the interest and part of the principal of the debt due from the United States to this state, which was read and referred to Messrs. DeVroom, Condict and Dayton.

Mr. Cooper, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, "An act declaring when the death of persons absenting themselves shall be presumed," to which he requested the concurrence of this house; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The report of Mr. Moore, on the petition of Benajah Parvin, was read a second time, the report agreed to and leave given to present a bill to answer the prayer of the petitioner.

A petition from David Bertron, praying that if an act for the relief of insolvent debtors should be passed it may not relieve Abraham Covenhoven, was read and ordered a second reading with the insolvent bill.

Mr. Berry, agreeably to leave given, and on behalf of the petitioner, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Jacobus Post;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act declaring when the death of persons absenting themselves shall be presumed," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Corson, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of meadow lying on the north branch of Pensawkin-Creek, in the county of Burlington, to rebuild and maintain a bank, dam and necessary water-works for stopping the tide out of the said creek, and to keep the water-course thereof open and clear," without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," referred to this sitting, was taken into consideration; whereupon,

Sundry petitions from prisoners confined for debts, praying the benefit of an act for the relief of insolvent debtors, and petitions against the passing an act, were read;

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Lambert, from Council, informed the house that the bill, intituled, "An act to confirm and establish the testament and last will of Robert Lewis, deceased," is passed by Council without amendment.

Mr. Biddle, agreeably to leave given, and on behalf of the petitioners, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to constitute and make Crosswicks-Creek a good and lawful fence from the place known by the name of Watson's-Ferry, down to the mouth of the same," passed at Burlington, June the twentieth, seventeen hundred and sixty-five;" which bill was read, whereupon,

A petition was presented by Robert Pearson in opposition to the passing of the said bill, which was also read.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a second time on Monday next, at which time the parties may be heard for and against the propriety of passing the same.

Mr. Kitchel, from Council, informed the house that Council have appointed Messrs. Kitchel, Black and Condit a committee, on the part of Council, to



join a committee of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of conferring with the proprietors of the lands on which it is proposed to erect the house of correction, and to report on what terms they may be had.

Mr. Sinnickson, from Council, informed the house that the bill, intituled, "An act concerning a certain body of meadow, swamp and cripple, situate in the township of Woolwich, in the county of Gloucester," is passed by Council without amendment.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Tuesday, January 31, 1797.*

The house met.

A petition from John White, George Bullock and Caleb Smith Green, praying a repeal of so much of the act, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and proprietors of the meadows lying on the two runs called and known by the names of Sandy-Run and Shippatauken-Run, or the Eight-mile-Run, in Maidenhead, in the county of Hunterdon, to clear, widen and enlarge the said runs, or such parts thereof, and cut such ditches as may be necessary effectually to drain and carry the water off the same," and also a repeal of so much of the act, intituled, "An act for the relief of Thomas Tindal and James Clark, the younger, and other purposes therein mentioned," as respects or affects the property of them, was read ;

*Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill on Friday the tenth of February next, on previously advertising their intention of presenting such a bill in three of the most public places in the township of Maidenhead for at least one week previous to that time.

A petition from the administrators, heirs and creditors of Joseph Gaston, late of Bedminster, in the county of Somerset, deceased, praying that a law may be passed to authorize some person, on the part of the estate of the said deceased, to complete certain contracts entered into by the said deceased, was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Ogden, from Council, informed the house that the bill, intituled, "An act to authorize William Taylor to sue for and recover the residue of the forfeited estate of John Williams," is rejected by Council.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act concerning obligations and to enable mutual dealers to discount," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered* That the said bill be committed to Messrs. Wade, Moore and Southard.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to promote the impartial administration of justice," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Messrs. Berry,	Randolph,	Vancleve,	Messrs. Biddle,	Hough,
Burrowes,	Sharps,	VanDuyn,	Bowen,	Moore,
Condict,	P. Smith,	DeVroom,	Clement,	Parret,
M'Cullough,	Somers,	Wade,	Cobb,	A. Smith,
Dayton,	Southard,	Ward,	Coxe,	E. Townsend,
M'Dowell,	Speer,	Welsh,	French,	Wallace,
Harris,	Terhune,	W. Wickoff.	Hall,	S. Wyckoff.
Morgan,				

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. M'Cullough do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to appoint commissioners to clear out and remove the obstructions in Rahway-River, from the bridge near the house of John Meeker to the bridge above the land of William Reeves," was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dayton do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to direct a mode for the settlement of the accounts of Kenneth Hankinson, esquire, late collector of the county of Monmouth," was read and compared;

*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. M'Dowell do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Jacobus Post," was read a second time and dismissed.

Mr. Beardlee, from Council, informed the house that Council have rejected the bill, intituled, "An act to enable the inhabitants of the townships in the several counties of this state to repair their highways by hire."

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act to provide for the distribution of the laws, votes and proceedings of the Legislature," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Condict, Coxe and Hall.

A certificate in favor of Rachel Stivers, widow of Samuel Stivers, for the amount of the half-pay of her late husband, who died in the service of the United States, was read and committed to the committee of military claims.

Mr. Outwater, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to prevent the use of spiritous liquors at vendues;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Condit, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the warrant of half-pay in favor of Sarah Dorum, late Sarah Githens.

Mr. Randolph, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Joseph Reading," without amendment.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Dayton, Mr. M'Dowell and Mr. M'Cullough reported, that they had obeyed the order of the house.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.



*Wednesday, February 1, 1797.*

The house met.

Mr. Burrowes, from the committee to whom was referred the report of Mr. Burrowes on the application of the stage proprietors and others, of the 9th of November last, reported as follows :

**T**HAT, in the opinion of your committee, the law for raising a revenue from certain stages, ferries and taverns, ought not to be repealed, but reduced one fourth, and that one fourth of the revenue arising from the stages be appropriated to the repairs of the stage road.

By order of the committee,

STEPHEN BURROWES.

*Ordered,* That the said report be read a second time.

The petition from the administrators, heirs and creditors of Joseph Gaston, read yesterday, was read a second time and leave given to present a bill agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners, whereupon,

Mr. Southard presented a bill, intituled, " An act authorizing certain trustees therein named to fulfil a certain contract entered into by Joseph Gaston, late of the county of Somerset, deceased, with Christian Wireman, of the state of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes therein mentioned ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act to prevent the use of spiritous liquors at vendues," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Van Duyn, M'Dowell and Parret.

The bill, intituled, " An act to incorporate into a township, a part of the townships of Saddle-River and Franklin, in the county of Bergen," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. DeVroom, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, " An act for constituting and supporting schools of education throughout the state," reported the same with sundry amendments and the following title, " An act for the establishment of schools ;" which bill was read ;

*Ordered,* That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the 9th instant, and that the same be printed for the consideration of house.

Mr. Dayton, with leave, and in behalf of the petitioners, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, " An act to authorize the owners and possessors of certain salt-marsh in Rahway Meadows, in the county of Essex, to erect a causeway and keep the same in repair ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Ward, Wm. Wikoff and P. Smith, be a committee to prepare and present a bill for defraying incidental charges.

The bill, intituled, " An act to raise the sum of fifteen thousand pounds, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, " An act authorizing certain trustees therein named to fulfil a certain contract entered into by Joseph Gaston, late of the county of So-

merfet, deceased, with Christian Wireman, of the state of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from Somerset county, praying that a law may pass to regulate the fishing in Raritan-River and its branches, was read and committed to Messrs. DeVroom, M'Cullough and A. Smith.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of Burlington, praying that a law may pass, appointing commissioners to lay a straight road from Burlington to Bordentown, with a petition in opposition thereto, was read and leave given to present a bill on Monday the 20th of February instant, at which time the parties may be heard before the house.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee to whom was referred the adjudication of the court of quarter sessions of the county of Hunterdon, in favor of Hannah Henry, late Hannah Dumont, widow of Major Edward Dumont, in colonel Hankinson's regiment of Sussex militia, reported ;

**T**HAT she is entitled to the half-pay of her late husband, Edward Dumont, from the time of his decease to the time of her marriage with her present husband, Arthur Henry, to wit ; from the first day of September, 1776, to the fourth day of January, 1780.

By order of the committee,  
ELIAS DAYTON.

*Ordered,* That the said report be read a second time.

A petition from Sarah Bunner, praying, for reasons therein contained, that the bill, intituled, " An act to authorize William Kemble and Zerobable Gaskell to build, erect and maintain a dam and grist-mill on a branch of the dividing creeks called Folly-Run, in the township of Downs, in the county of Cumberland," was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition praying commissioners may be appointed by law to lay out and open a public road between Burlington and Mount-Holly, with a petition in opposition thereto, was read and leave given to present a bill on Monday the 20th of February instant, at which time the parties may be heard before the house.

The bill, intituled, " An act authorizing certain trustees therein named to fulfil a certain contract entered into by Joseph Gaston, late of the county of Somerset, deceased, with Christian Wireman, of the state of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, " An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " An act authorizing certain trustees therein named to fulfil a certain contract entered into by Joseph Gaston, late of the county of Somerset, deceased, with Christian Wireman, of the state of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.  
Mr. Berry,  
Mr. Bowen,

Yeas.  
Mr. Burrowes,  
Mr. Cobb,

Yeas.  
Mr. Condict,  
Mr. Cox,



Yeas.  
 Mr. M'Cullough,  
 Mr. Dayton,  
 Mr. M'Dowell,  
 Mr. French,  
 Mr. Hall,  
 Mr. Harris,  
 Mr. Moore,  
 Mr. Morgan,  
 Mr. Parret,  
 Mr. Randolph,  
 Mr. Sharps,

Yeas.  
 Mr. P. Smith,  
 Mr. Somers,  
 Mr. Southard,  
 Mr. Speer,  
 Mr. E. Townsend,  
 Mr. R. Townsend,  
 Mr. Vancleve,  
 Mr. VanDuyn,  
 Mr. Wade,  
 Mr. Wallace,  
 Mr. S. Wyckoff.

Nays.  
 Mr. Biddle,  
 Mr. Clement,  
 Mr. Hough,  
 Mr. Terhune.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. French do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Thursday, February 2, 1797.*

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate into a township a part of the townships of Saddle-River and Franklin, in the county of Bergen," was read and compared ;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hall do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to raise the sum of fifteen thousand pounds for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven," was read and compared ;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Harris do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act respecting apprentices and servants," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Biddle and Burrowes.

A petition from fundry inhabitants of the county of Monmouth, praying that the law may be so altered that no preference may be given to creditors where a person dies and has not competent estate to pay the debts due therefrom, was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Walton, from Council, presented the bill, intituled, "An act to empower Robert Emley and Joseph King to fulfil certain contracts and agreements made and entered into by John Emley, deceased, relative to the sale of lands, and

to sell and convey the real estate of the said John Emley," with the amendments made thereto by Council, to which he requested the concurrence of this house; which bill was read and the amendments being read in their places,  
*Ordered*, That the same be read a second time.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Friday, February 3, 1797.*

The house met.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of William Finley, reported as follows :

**T**HAT it appears the situation of the said William Finley is peculiarly hard and distressing, in having received so great a number of wounds in the service of his country, therefore, they beg leave to recommend to the house to make such provision for him as they may judge proper and reasonable, agreeably to the prayer of his petition.

By order of the committee,  
 ELIAS DAYTON.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from the Indians at Brotherton, praying that their estate at Brotherton may be disposed of, and that they may be enabled from the proceeds thereof to remove to their brethren in the state of New-York, was read and referred to Messrs. Hough, French and E. Townsend.

The bill, intituled, "An act to empower Robert Emley and Joseph King to fulfil certain contracts and agreements made and entered into by John Emley, deceased, relative to the sale of lands, and to sell and convey the real estate of the said John Emley," with the amendments made thereto by Council, was read, the amendments agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

A petition from Henry Waddell, stating a demand against the state for cattle taken for the army, by the contractor of Monmouth county, in the course of the war with Great Britain, was read and referred to the committee of civil claims.

The bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the owners and possessors of certain salt-marsh in Rahway-Meadows, in the county of Essex, to erect a causeway and to keep the same in repair," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Wade, Terhune and Harris.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the borough of Elizabeth, praying leave to present a bill to authorize the owners of a tract of bog or turf meadow, to appoint commissioners to drain the same, was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Hall reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house adjourned till three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

Mr. French reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Black, from Council, delivered a bill, intituled, "An act for dividing the



township of Windfor, in the county of Middlesex, into two separate townships," to which he requested the concurrence of this house; which bill was read and ordered a second reading on Tuesday next—the persons opposing the bill, to serve Ezekiel Smith, John Cox and Joseph Stout, or either of them, with a copy of this order to-morrow.

Mr. Cooper from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act authorizing certain trustees therein named to fulfil a certain contract entered into by Joseph Gaston, late of the county of Somerset, deceased, with Christian Wireman, of the state of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes therein mentioned," without amendment.

The petition from Monmouth, read yesterday, was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Vancleve, Biddle and Clement.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Saturday, February 4, 1797.*

The house met.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of Essex, praying that an additional troop of militia horse may be commissioned in the township of Westfield, was read and referred to the committee appointed on the 27th of October last, to whom was referred the treasurer's letter of the 23d of November, 1795.

A petition from the officers of the Morris county brigade of militia, was read and referred to the same committee.

A petition from Upper-Penn's-Neck, in the county of Salem, praying that a law may pass to direct their roads to be repaired by hire, and to raise money for that purpose, was read and ordered a second reading.

A memorial from William Drake, was read and dismissed.

Agreeably to order, a bill, intituled, "An act to repeal part of the act, intituled, "An act for laying out, opening and improving certain roads in the counties of Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester and Burlington, in this state," was presented and read, whereupon, the petitioners in favor of the said bill, and against the passing of the same, attended the house, and the house proceeded to the hearing of the testimony respecting the same, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The house proceeded in the hearing of the testimony respecting the aforesaid roads, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till Monday morning ten of the clock.

Monday, February 6, 1797.

The house met.

Mr. VanDuyn, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act to prevent the use of spiritous liquors at vendues," reported the same with an amendment to strike out the words in the second section, "or at any vendue licensed by or under the authority of the United States;" which bill was read, as amended, the amendment agreed to, and the bill ordered a third reading.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to empower Robert Emley and Joseph King to fulfil certain contracts made by John Emley, deceased, relative to the sale of lands," was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hough do carry the said bill to the Council, and inform them that it is passed by this house with their amendments.

Mr. Wade, from the committee to whom was referred the treasurer's letter of the 23d of November last, presented a bill, intituled, "An additional supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for organizing and training the militia of this state;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Ward, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Westfield, in the county of Essex, praying a law may pass to establish a company of horse in that neighbourhood, reported,

**T**HAT, on examination, your committee find a company of horse heretofore established in each regiment in that brigade, therefore, are of opinion, the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

By order of the committee,

PETER WARD.

To which the house agreed.

The report of Mr Dayton, of the first instant, on the application of Hannah Henry for the half-pay of her late husband, was read a second time;

On the question, Whether the house agree to the said report? It was carried in the negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Messrs. Berry,	A. Smith,	Messrs. Burrowes,	Southard,
Bowen,	Stillwell,	M'Cullough,	Speer,
Clement,	Somers,	Dayton,	Vancleve,
Cobb,	Terhune,	M'Dowell,	DeVroom,
Condict,	E. Townsend,	French,	Wade,
Hall,	R. Townsend,	Moore,	Welsh,
Hough,	VanDuyn,	Parret,	S. Wyckoff,
Morgan,	Wallace,	Sharps,	W. Wikoff.
Randolph,	Ward.	P. Smith,	

*Ordered*, That the papers on which the committee reported be dismissed.

Mr. DeVroom, from the committee to whom was referred the petition from Somersfet, presented a bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to regulate the fishery within that part of the eastern division of this colony, from the mouth of Raritan-River, northward;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the house resumed the consideration of



the bill, intituled, " An act respecting slaves," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of James Brooks, an inhabitant of Hunterdon county, reported,

**T**HAT, in the opinion of your committee, the prayer of said petition ought not to be granted.

By order of the committee,  
ELIAS DAYTON.

To which the house agreed.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. DeVroom, Ward, Burrowes, Wade and Cobb, be a committee to enquire whether any and what alterations should be made in the act concerning the cavalry and artillery of this state, and that the committee report by bill or otherwise.

The house resumed the examination of the witnesses respecting the roads laid out by commissioners appointed by law, through Cumberland, Salem and Gloucester, from Bridgetown and Roadstown to Woodbury, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

*Tuesday, February 7, 1797.*

The house met.

Mr. DeVroom, from the committee to whom was referred the governor's letter, enclosing a letter from the secretary of the treasury of the United States, as also the state of the treasury, presented agreeable to the order of the house, reported the draught of a bill, intituled, " An act authorizing the treasurer of this state to receive from the commissioners of the sinking fund of the United States, the interest and principal of the funded debt of this state, and also to authorize the said treasurer to pay the state debt;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Hough, from the committee to whom the petition of Joseph Salter, Thomas Holinshead and Josiah Foster, commissioners, appointed to take charge of the lands at Brotherton, in the county of Burlington, belonging to the Indian natives, reported,

**T**HAT they have examined the letters sent by the Indian natives from Stockbridge, in the state of New-York, to the Indians at Brotherton, likewise their answer to them, and their petition to the aforesaid commissioners, and are of opinion, that it is reasonable and just to grant them the prayer of their petition, and that a committee be appointed to report a bill, which they submit to the house.

By order of the committee,  
SAMUEL HOUGH.

To which the house agreed ; whereupon, Messrs. Coxe, Wallace and French were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Coxe, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, " An act for extending the time of holding the courts of quarter sessions in the several counties of this state ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " A supplement to an act, intituled, " An act to regulate the fishery within that part of the eastern division of this colony, from the mouth of Raritan-River northward," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The house resumed the examination of witnesses respecting the roads laid out by commissioners, appointed by law, through Cumberland, Salem and Gloucester, from Bridgetown and Roadstown to Woodbury, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The house resumed the consideration of the hearing respecting the roads laid out by commissioners, appointed by law, through Cumberland, Salem and Gloucester, from Bridgetown and Roadstown to Woodbury, and after having gone through the same,

*Ordered,* That the bill presented be read a second time.

Mr. Corson, from Council, informed the house, that Council have passed the bill, intituled, " An act to appoint commissioners to clear out and remove the obstructions in Rahway-River, from the bridge near the house of John Meeker to the bridge above the land of William Reeves," without amendment.

Mr. Sinnickson, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, " An act concerning horse-racing," and a bill, intituled, " An act to repeal one certain act and part of another therein mentioned, concerning a road on Bergen-Point ;" to which bills he requested the concurrence of this house ; which said bills were severally read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Wednesday, February 8, 1797.*

The house met.

The speaker laid before the house an agreement, that the hearing on the bill relative to the bridges over Passaick and Hackensack, be postponed until Wednesday the fifteenth instant, which was read ;

*Ordered,* That the hearing be had accordingly.

Mr. Lambert, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, " An act directing bills of exception to be sealed," and a bill, intituled, " An act for suppressing of lotteries ;" to which bills he requested the concurrence of this house ; which were severally read and ordered a second reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill, intituled, " An act for dividing the township of Windsor, in the county of Middlesex, into two separate townships,"



was read a second time, and the house went into the examination of witnesses for and against the propriety of passing the bill, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M.

The house met.

A petition from Abraham Duryee, stating a demand against the state, and praying payment, was read and referred to the committee of civil claims.

Mr. Ogden, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the following bills without amendment :

1. An act to prevent gaming.
2. An act to incorporate into a township a part of the townships of Saddle-River and Franklin, in the county of Bergen.
3. An act to raise the sum of fifteen thousand pounds for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.
4. An act against usury.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " A supplement to an act, intituled, " An act to regulate the fishery within that part of the eastern division of this colony, from the mouth of Raritan-River northward," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Berry,	French,	A. Smith,	DeVroom,	Messrs. Biddle,
Bowen,	Hall,	P. Smith,	Wade,	Speer,
Burrowes,	Harris,	Somers,	Wallace,	Terhune.
Clement,	Moore,	Southard,	Ward,	
Condict,	Morgan,	E. Townsend,	Welsh,	
M'Cullough,	Parret,	R. Townsend,	S. Wyckoff,	
Dayton,	Randolph,	Vancleve,	W. Wikoff.	
M'Dowell,	Sharps,	VanDuyn,		

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Moore do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

The house resumed the consideration of the testimony for and against the bill to divide the township of Windsor, in the county of Middlesex, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Thursday, February 9, 1797.*

The house met.

The bill, intituled, " An act to repeal part of an act, intituled, " An act for laying out, opening and improving certain roads in the counties of Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester and Burlington, in this state," was read a second time ; whereupon,

A motion was made to refer the said bill to the next session, and the question being put, it was carried in the affirmative.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for dividing the township of Windsor, in the county of Middlesex, into two separate townships," and having heard counsel sum up the testimony for and against the bill,

*Ordered*, That the same be read a third time.

A petition from the owners of meadows on the Affiscunk-Creek, in the township of Burlington, praying that the dam over said creek may be made a public charge, was read ;

*Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petition on Wednesday the twenty-second of February instant, on giving notice, in writing, at least five days, to the chosen freeholders of every township in said county on whom they propose to extend the charge of maintaining or contributing towards the maintenance of said dam.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the petitioners for the bill, intituled, "An act to authorize William Kemble and Zerobabel Gaskell to build, erect and maintain a dam and grist-mill on a branch of the dividing creeks called Folly-Run, in the township of Downs, in the county of Cumberland," have leave to withdraw the same.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

A petition from Thomas Leaning, praying leave to present a bill for regulating the pasturing of the Five-mile-Beach, in the county of Cape-May, similar to the law passed for regulating the pasturing of Peck's-Beach in the same county, was read ;

*Ordered*, That the petitioner have leave to present a bill on the fourth Wednesday of the next sitting, to answer the prayer of his petition, he advertising the purport of the bill he means to present, with a copy of this order, for three weeks previous thereto, in at least five public places in the county of Cape-May.

A memorial from Daniel Potter, late a trooper on the western expedition, stating a demand against the state, and praying payment, was read and referred to the committee of military claims.

The speaker laid before the house an application from the City-Council of Savannah, in Georgia, for charitable donations, with a recommendation from the Common-Council of New-Brunswick, to the Legislature, to make such charitable donations to the sufferers at Savannah as they may think proper, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Moore reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the treasurer of this state to receive of the commissioners of the sinking fund of the United States, the interest and principal of the funded debt of this state, and also to authorize the said treasurer to pay the state debt," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Southard, Randolph and Sharps.

Mr. Beardslee, from Council, informed the house that Council have unanimously rejected the bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to regulate the fishery within that part of the eastern division of this colony, from the mouth of Raritan-River northward."

The bill, intituled, "An act for dividing the township of Windsor, in the



county of Middlesex, into two separate townships," was read a third time ;  
*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morgan do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, " A supplement to the act, intituled, " An act concerning acknowledging deeds in the colony of New-Jersey, and declaring how the estate or right of a *feme covert* may be conveyed or extinguished," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Moore, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioner, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, " An act for the relief of Benajah Parvin;" which was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act for suppressing of lotteries," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Friday, February 10, 1797.*

The house met.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, " An act authorizing the treasurer of this state to receive from the commissioners of the sinking fund of the United States, the interest and principal of the funded debt of this state, and also to authorize the said treasurer to pay the state debt," reported the same with sundry amendments and the following title : " An act to authorize the treasurer of this state to receive certain monies due from the United States, and also to authorize the said treasurer to pay the state debt;" which bill was read and debated.

*Ordered*, That the same be engrossed.

Mr. Vancleve, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, " An act to regulate the election of members of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly, sheriffs and coroners, in this state," reported the same with sundry amendments, which were read and postponed.

Mr. Condict, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, " An act to provide for the distribution of the laws, votes and proceedings of the Legislature throughout the state," reported the same with sundry amendments and the following title : " An act to provide for the distribution of the laws, votes and proceedings of the Legislature of this state;" which bill was read and postponed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, a bill was presented, intituled, " An act to exempt John White, George Bullock and Caleb Smith Green from certain laws for ditching and draining of meadows in the township of Maidenhead;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Vancleve, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, " An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, for this state;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " A supplement to the act, intituled, " An act con-

cerning acknowledging deeds in the colony of New-Jersey, and declaring how the estate or right of a *feme covert* may be conveyed or extinguished," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Messrs. Biddle,	A. Smith,	Messrs. Berry,	P. Smith,
Bowen,	Somers,	Cobb,	Stillwell,
Burrowes,	Southard,	Condict,	Speer,
Clement,	E. Townsend,	M'Cullough,	Terhune,
Coxe,	R. Townsend,	Dayton,	VanDuyn,
French,	Vancleve,	M'Dowell,	Wade,
Harris,	DeVroom,	Hall,	Ward,
Hough,	Wallace,	Morgan,	Welsh,
Moore,	W. Wikoff.	Randolph,	S. Wyckoff.
Parret,		Sharps,	

The votes being even, the speaker voted in the negative, and so the bill was lost.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, " An act for suppressing of lotteries," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the same be read a third time.

The bill, intituled, " An act for extending the time of holding the courts of quarter sessions in the several counties of this state," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The report of Mr. Dayton, of the 3d instant, on the petition of William Finley, was read a second time, the report agreed to, and leave given to the petitioner to present a bill directing the treasurer to pay him the amount of his half-pay as a soldier for and during his life.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Coxe, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions from the Indians at Brotherton, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, " An act to constitute and appoint commissioners to sell and convey certain lands held in trust for the Indian natives at Brotherton, in Evesham township, in the county of Burlington, and to appropriate the monies thence arising for the benefit of the said Indians ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Condit, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, " An act directing a mode for the settlement of the accounts of Kenneth Hankinson, esquire, late collector of the county of Monmouth," and the bill, intituled, " An act to empower the governor of this state to incorporate a company to improve the navigation of the fourth branch of Great-Timber-Creek, in the county of Gloucester," without amendment.

The bill, intituled, " An act to exempt John White, George Bullock and Caleb Smith Green from certain laws for ditching and draining of meadows in the township of Maidenhead," was read a second time ; whereupon,

Mr. Vancleve presented a bill, intituled, " An act to repeal two certain acts therein mentioned."



*Ordered*, That the said bills be referred to be taken up on Friday the 17th instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, on three days notice being given to the persons interested by the applicants for the bill.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act concerning inns and taverns," reported the same with sundry amendments; which bill was read, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Saturday, February 11, 1797.*

The house met.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee to whom were referred the certificates and adjudications of the court of quarter sessions of the peace of the county of Monmouth, in favour of John Ruffel, late a militia soldier, who was wounded in the service of his country in the year 1780, reported,

**T**HAT, in the opinion of your committee, the petitioner ought to be allowed the sum of three dollars per month from the 30th day of October, 1795, during his disability.

By order of the committee.

ELIAS DAYTON.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

A warrant of half-pay in favor of Esther Smith, issued in lieu of one heretofore granted, and which has been filled with indorsements, was read and approved.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morgan do carry the said warrant to the Council for concurrence.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the treasurer of this state to receive certain monies due from the United States, and also to authorize the said treasurer to pay the state debt," was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Parret do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for extending the time of holding the courts of quarter sessions in the several counties of this state," was read and compared;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays
Messrs. Berry,	M'Dowell,	Stillwell,	Messrs. Bowen,
Biddle,	French,	Somers,	Parret,
Barrowes,	Hall,	Southard,	Terhune,
Clement,	Harris,	Speer,	E. Townsend,
Cobb,	Hough,	Vancleve,	R. Townsend,
Condict,	Moore,	Wade,	VanDuyn,
Coxe,	Sharps,	Ward,	DeVroom,
M'Cullough,	A. Smith,	S. Wyckoff,	Wallace.
Dayton,	P. Smith,	W. Wikoff.	

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Sharps do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

The bill, intituled, "An act to prevent the use of spiritous liquors at vendues," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Berry,	Hall,	Vancleve,	Biddle,
Biddle,	Moore,	VanDuyn,	Harris,
Burrowes,	Morgan,	DeVroom,	Hough,
Clement,	Parret,	Ward,	Sharps,
Cobb,	P. Smith,	Welfh,	A. Smith,
Condict,	Stillwell,	W. Wikoff.	Speer,
M'Cullough	Somers,		E. Townsend,
Dayton,	Southard,		Wade,
M'Dowell,	Terhune,		Wallace,
French,	R. Townsend,		S. Wyckoff.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. A. Smith do wait on the Council and inform them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Parret reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. French, agreeably to leave given, presented a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of William Finley ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Wallace, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An additional supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to enable the inhabitants of certain towns and townships to repair their public highways by hire;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Outwater, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of creditors against heirs and devisees," to which he requested the concurrence of this house ; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Sharps and Mr. Morgan reported, that they had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Southard, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act for the more equal representation of the counties of Hunterdon, Burlington, Suffex, Cumberland and Cape-May, in the General Assembly of this State," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The following resolution was proposed for the consideration of the house by Mr. Coxe :

Whereas it is of the first importance that the fundamental principles of the political association should be such as reason and experience have proved to be most conducive to public order and happiness ; and whereas time and observation have unfolded many very considerable errors and omissions in the frame of the constitution of the state of New-Jersey, as agreed to in convention on the 2d day of July, 1776 ; by reason whereof the people have not been equally represented in the Legislature, but according to the accidental and varying propositions of certain districts in counties containing a very disproportionate population ; and also, because military and civil ; the executive, judicial and legislative departments (which ought to be as distinct as possible) are



united and intermixed, so as to cause confusion, innovation and expence, and all the bad consequences flowing from a government without checks, and without a precise principle of responsibility annexed to its several departments; and whereas it is right and expedient that the people should have an opportunity afforded to them, of peaceably and fairly investigating and revising the articles of their association long since formed, at the crisis of a revolution, and in circumstances unfavorable to an accurate adjustment of the political fabric; and whereas the existing constitution doth not point out any method to be observed in amending its defects when discovered:—Now, therefore, we the *persons* chosen to represent the people in the several counties of the state of New-Jersey, yielding to a consideration produced by the foregoing reasons, are of opinion, that a convention of delegates, of the people freely chosen, ought to be holden for the purpose of revising and amending the present charter of government; wherefore, we do hereby resolve and recommend, that at the days and times appointed by the constitution and laws of this state for the choosing of members of the Legislature and other officers for the ensuing year, the good people qualified to vote, do choose three persons in their several counties, by plurality of votes, to represent them in a General Convention, to be holden at on the day of next, for the purposes of revising, altering and amending the present constitution of the state, in such a manner and form as to the said convention shall seem meet.

The house adjourned till Monday morning ten of the clock.

*Monday, February 13, 1797.*

The house met.

Mr. Wade, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, “An act to authorize the owners and possessors of certain salt-marsh in Rahway-Meadows, in the county of Essex, to erect a causeway and keep the same in repair,” reported the same with sundry amendments, which were read, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, “An act concerning inns and taverns,” and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the said bill be committed to Messrs. Wade, Coxe and DeVroom.

Mr. Stillwell, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, “An act to prevent routs, riots and tumultuous assemblies;” which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, “An act for the relief of insolvent debtors,” and after having gone through the same,

*Ordered,* That the said bill be engrossed.

Mr. Coxe, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, “An act for the prevention of vice and immorality;” which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Condict, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, “An act to revive, under certain restrictions, the act, intituled, “An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt, passed 18th March, 1795;” which bill was read and ordered a second reading on Saturday next.

Mr. Walton, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, "An act relative to hawkers, pedlers and petty chapmen," to which he requested the concurrence of this house; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned till three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," was read and compared;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Messrs. Berry,	Parret,	DeVroom,	Messrs. Biddle,	Randolph,
Burrowes,	Sharps,	Wade,	Bowen,	P. Smith,
Cobb,	A. Smith,	Ward,	Clement,	Stillwell,
Coxe,	Terhune,	S. Wyckoff.	Condict,	Somers,
M'Cullough,	E. Townsend,		M'Dowell,	Speer,
Dayton,	R. Townsend,		Harris,	Wallace,
French,	Vancleve,		Hough,	Welsh.
Hall,	VanDuyn,		Morgan,	

*Ordered,* That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Somers do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

The bill, intituled, "An act for suppressing of lotteries," was read a third time;

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. P. Smith do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that the same is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Somers and Mr. P. Smith reported, that they had obeyed the order of the house.

A petition from John Lowrey and Matthew Lowrey, stating demands against the state and praying payment, was read and committed to the committee of civil claims.

Mr. Randolph, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the treasurer of this state to receive certain monies due from the United States, and also to authorize the said treasurer to pay the state debt," without amendment.

Mr. Randolph, from Council, informed the house that Council have rejected the bill, intituled, "An act for extending the time of holding the courts of Quarter Sessions in the several counties of this state."

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Tuesday, February 14, 1797.*

The house met.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act respecting slaves," and after some time spent thereon,



*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

A petition from a number of the Indians at Brotherton, praying that their lands may not be sold, as prayed for in the petition of a number of their brethren, was read and ordered to be read a second time with the bill on that subject.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act respecting slaves."

A motion was made to introduce the following, as the 3d section of the bill :

*Be it enacted*, That every negro, Indian, mulatto or mestee, who shall be born in this state on or after the fourth day of July next, shall be free on their arrival at the age of twenty-five years.

On the question, Whether the house agree to the said section ? It was negatived, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Messrs. Berry,	Speer,	Messrs. Biddle,	Hough,
Burrowes,	Terhune,	Bowen,	Parret,
Cobb,	Vancleve,	Clement,	A. Smith,
Dayton,	VanDuyn,	Condict,	P. Smith,
M'Dowell,	DeVroom,	Coxe,	Somers,
Morgan,	Wade,	M'Cullough,	E. Townsend,
Randolph,	Ward,	French,	R. Townsend,
Sharps,	Welsh,	Hall,	Wallace.
Stillwell,	S. Wyckoff.	Harris,	
Southard,			

A motion was made, that the same section be inserted in the bill with the words *twenty-eight*, in the place of the words *twenty-five* ;

On the question being put, Mr. Dayton voted in the affirmative, the other members voted as above set forth, which made the votes even, whereupon the speaker cast the vote in the affirmative and so the section passed.

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

Mr. Cooper, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to compel joint-tenants and tenants in common to make partition, and for the more easy partition of lands in co-parcenary, joint-tenancy and tenancy in common," to which he requested the concurrence of this house ; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Corson, from Council, returned the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," with sundry amendments made thereto by Council, to which he requested the concurrence of this house ; which bill, as amended, was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Wednesday, February 15, 1797.*

The house met.

Agreeably to the order of the day, a bill, intituled, "An act for building

bridges over the rivers Passaick and Hackensack, at or near the several places on said rivers where the ferries in the rout between Newark and New-York were formerly kept," was presented, with a number of petitions for and against the propriety of passing the same into a law; which were read, and the petitioners by their counsel appeared at the bar of the house, and were heard with testimony by the house, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The house resumed the consideration of the hearing on the bill before them this morning.

A motion was made, that the hearing be deferred to the second Tuesday of the next sitting, to which the house agreed.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee to whom was referred the certificate and adjudication of the court of Quarter Sessions of the peace of the county of Gloucester, in favor of Joice Miles, late Joice Anderson, the widow of Amariah Anderson, who died in captain William Falkner's company, second regiment, Jersey troops, a private soldier, the 16th day of August, 1776, reported, **T**HAT, in the opinion of your committee, the said Joice Miles, late Anderson, ought to be allowed three dollars per month from the 16th day of August, 1776, to the 4th day of June, 1784, the time she intermarried with her present husband, Henry Miles.

By order of the committee,

ELIAS DAYTON.

*Ordered*, That the said report be read a second time.

Mr. Wade, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act concerning inns and taverns," reported the same with sundry amendments; which bill was read, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," with the amendments made thereto by Council, were read, the amendments agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to repeal one certain act and part of another therein mentioned, concerning a road on Bergen Point," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be read a third time.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Thursday, February 16, 1797.*

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to repeal one certain act and part of another therein mentioned, concerning a road on Bergen Point," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:



Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays
Messrs. Berry,	Parret,	E. Townsend,	Messrs. Bowen,
Biddle,	Randolph,	R. Townsend,	Coxe,
Burrowes,	Sharps,	Vancleve,	Dayton,
Cobb,	A. Smith,	VanDuyn,	Hall.
Condict,	P. Smith,	DeVroom,	
M'Cullough,	Stillwell,	Wade,	
M'Dowell,	Somers,	Wallace,	
French,	Southard,	Welsh,	
Harris,	Speer,	S. Wyckoff,	
Hough,	Terhune,	W. Wikoff,	
Morgan,			

*Ordered,* That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Southard do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the election of members of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly, sheriffs and coroners in this state," and after having made sundry amendments thereto,

*Ordered,* That the same be read a third time with the amendments.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the auditor of accounts; which was read and referred to the committee of civil claims.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The petition of the inhabitants of the borough of Elizabeth, relative to the draining a piece of fresh meadow, read on the 3d instant, was read a second time; whereupon,

Mr. Wade, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the owners and possessors of a piece of bog or fresh meadow, situate at Connecticut Farms, in the County of Essex, to appoint managers to drain the same; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act respecting apprentices and servants," reported the same with sundry amendments; which bill being read, considered and further amended,

*Ordered,* That the said bill be engrossed.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the owners and possessors of certain salt marsh in Rahway meadows, in the county of Essex, to erect a causeway and keep the same in repair," was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Speer do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

Mr. Southard reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of William Finley," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act respecting slaves."

An amendment was moved to the 10th section, to strike out the following words: "And be whipped by the nearest constable of the place where the said

slave shall be taken up, not exceeding twenty lashes on the bare back ;”

On the question, Whether the house agree thereto ? It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Biddle,	Harris,	Speer,	Messrs. Dayton,
Bowen,	Hough,	Terhune,	Morgan,
Burrowes,	Parret,	E. Townsend,	Randolph,
Clement,	Sharps,	R. Townsend,	Wade,
Cobb,	A. Smith,	Vancleve,	S. Wyckoff,
Condict,	P. Smith,	VanDuyn,	W. Wikoff.
Coxe,	Stillwell,	DeVroom,	
M'Cullough,	Somers,	Wallace,	
M'Dowell,	Southard,	Welsh.	
Hall,			

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Friday, February 17, 1797.*

The house met.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee of civil claims, reported,

**T**HAT they have examined the several papers referred to them relative to the petition of John and Matthew Lowrey, and find that there is not any money in the treasury of the forfeited estates of John Smith, Philip Frost, doctor Andrew M'Leamy, John Whitecanaet and Richard Bolsbee ; that there remains in the treasury the sum of £.49 8*s*. 9*d*. of the forfeited estate of John Cowgal, and that the demand of the said John and Matthew Lowrey, against the said estate, is of about twenty-five years standing ; your committee are therefore of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

By order of the committee,  
JOSEPH STILLWELL.

To which the house agreed.

A petition from Somerset county, praying leave to present a bill to direct the inhabitants of the said county to determine by vote where they shall erect a court-house and gaol, was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Somerset county was also presented, praying that an act may be passed to appoint judicious commissioners to fix and determine where a court-house and gaol shall be built in the county of Somerset ; which being read, was ordered a second reading.

Mr. Speer reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Stillwell, from the joint-committee from Council and Assembly, appointed to confer with the proprietors of the lands whereon it is proposed to erect the house of correction, and to report the terms on which they can be obtained, reported,

**T**HAT they have examined the several lots for sale in the town of Lamberton, and, after hearing the terms on which they can be had, and taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages attending them, with the



difference of the prices, are of opinion, that a certain lot the property of Mr. Peter Hunt, containing about six acres and a half, will best answer the purpose intended. Your committee further report, that they have received a map of the town of Lamberton, wherein the several vacant lots are designated, and also proposals containing their respective prices, all which are herewith submitted.

By order of the committee,

ABRAHAM KITCHEL,  
JOSEPH STILLWELL.

*Ordered*, That the said report be read a second time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the house took up the bill, intituled, "An act to repeal two certain acts therein mentioned;" which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Clement, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for the better relief and employment of the poor in the county of Salem;" which bill was read, with a petition from Gloucester, praying that their poor may be maintained by a county charge, instead of a town charge, as has been the law heretofore.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a second time.

The bill, intituled, "An additional supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to enable the inhabitants of certain towns and townships to repair their public highways by hire," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of William Rebeck, late a soldier in the third regiment of Monmouth militia, and who was wounded in the year 1779, reported,

**T**HAT it does not appear to your committee, that the petitioner has not recovered of the wounds he received eighteen years since, therefore are of opinion, the petition ought to be dismissed.

By order of the committee,

ELIAS DAYTON.

To which the house agreed.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act respecting slaves," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Saturday, February 18, 1797.*

The house met.

Mr. Vancleve, from the committee to whom was referred the petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Monmouth, reported,

**T**HAT they have taken into consideration the subject matter of the said petition and alteration prepared by the said petitioners relative thereto,

and are of opinion, that although hardships and apparent injustice may sometimes be occasioned by reason of the power vested in executors and administrators, in giving a preference to creditors, yet that the provisions of the law ought not to be extended to the cases contemplated by the petitioners, so as to entirely do away the legal priority of debts; and they would submit as the result of their deliberations on this subject, that the interference of the legislature should not be carried further than to place creditors of the same degree on an equal footing.

By order of the committee,  
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

*Ordered*, That the said report be read a second time.

The bill, intituled, "An act to repeal two certain acts therein mentioned," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for the better relief and employment of the poor in the county of Salem," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The report of Mr. Kitchel and Mr. Stillwell of yesterday, was read a second time.

A motion was made, that the house agree to the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the house agree to the report of the committee for purchasing a lot of land of about six and a half acres, for the purpose of erecting a house to carry into effect the law for the punishment of crimes, and that it is for the interest of the state, that the said lot of land be purchased, and that the buildings contemplated for the purpose of confining and employing convicts, be erected as speedily as may be, and that a committee be appointed to draught a law for that purpose.

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be postponed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to revive under certain restrictions, the act, intituled, "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," was read a second time, and the title amended to read, "An act to revive and continue an act, intituled, "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt;" after having gone through the same bill,

*Ordered*, That the same be engrossed.

Mr. Southard, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act to repeal the twenty-seventh section of the act for the punishment of crimes, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the election of members of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly, sheriffs and coroners in this state," with the amendments made thereto, was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Messrs. Berry,	Condict,	Harris,	Sharps,
Biddle,	Coxe,	Hough,	A. Smith,
Bowen,	M'Cullough,	Morgan,	P. Smith,
Clement,	French,	Parret,	Stillwell,
Cobb,	Hall,	Randolph,	Southard,



Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Speer,	Vancleve,	Welsh,	Messrs. Dayton,
Terhune,	Wade,	S. Wyckoff,	M'Dowell,
E. Townsend,	Wallace,	W. Wikoff.	VanDuyn,
R. Townsend,	Ward,		DeVroom.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the said bill and amendments.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Randolph do carry the said bill and amendments to the Council, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

Mr. Black, from Council, informed the house that Council had passed the bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the owners and possessors of certain salt-marsh in Rahway-Meadows, in the county of Essex, to erect a causeway and keep the same in repair," without amendment.

Mr. Black, from Council, returned the bill, intituled, "An act the better to promote the impartial administration of justice," with sundry amendments made thereto by Council, to which he requested the concurrence of this house; which bill, as amended, was read and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act respecting slaves," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to Messrs. Condict, Stillwell and Coxé.

The house adjourned till Monday morning ten of the clock.

*Monday, February 20, 1797.*

The house met.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Mr. P. Smith presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act for dividing the township of Newton, in the county of Suffex, into two separate townships;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for the better relief and employment of the poor, of the county of Salem," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Nicausey Kip," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

A certificate of half-pay, in favour of Elizabeth Henderson, formerly the widow of Samuel Roberts, who was killed in the service of the United States, was read and referred to the committee of military claims.

The house resumed the consideration of the resolution offered on Saturday last, on the report of Mr. Stillwell and Mr. Kitchel, and agreed to the same; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Condict, Wade and Southard, be a committee to present a bill agreeably thereto.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to revive and continue an act, intituled,

"An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," was read and compared;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Messrs. Berry,	Speer,	Messrs. Biddle,	Hough,
M'Cullough,	Terhune,	Bowen,	Parret,
Dayton,	E. Townsend,	Burrowes,	A. Smith,
Hall,	Vancleve,	Clement,	P. Smith,
Harris,	VanDuyn,	Cobb,	Sillwell,
Morgan,	Wade,	Condict,	Somers,
Randolph,	Welsh,	Coxe,	Wallace,
Sharps,	S. Wyckoff.	M'Dowell,	Ward,
Southard,		French,	W. Wikoff.

There not being twenty members for the bill, the same was lost.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act concerning inns and taverns," was read and compared;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Berry,	Dayton,	A. Smith,	Messrs. M'Dowell,
Biddle,	French,	P. Smith,	Southard,
Bowen,	Hall,	Somers,	Terhune,
Burrowes,	Harris,	Speer,	E. Townsend,
Clement,	Hough,	Vancleve,	R. Townsend,
Cobb,	Morgan,	Wallace,	VanDuyn,
Condict,	Parret,	Ward,	Wade,
Coxe,	Randolph,	Welsh,	S. Wyckoff.
M'Cullough,	Sharps,	W. Wikoff.	

*Ordered,* That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Terhune do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

Agreeably to the order of the day, a bill, intituled, "An act appointing commissioners to lay out and open a road from Burlington to Bordentown," was presented, and the parties for and against the propriety of passing the same, were heard, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Condict, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act respecting slaves," reported the same with fundry amendments; which was read and the consideration thereof postponed.

Mr. Terhune reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to repeal two certain acts therein mentioned," was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of William Finley," was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An additional supplement to the act, intituled,



"An act to enable the inhabitants of certain towns and townships to repair their public highways by hire," was read and compared ;

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the speaker do sign the said several bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. E. Townsend do carry the said bills to the Council for concurrence.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Tuesday, February 21, 1797.*

The house met.

The house resumed the consideration of the hearing of witnesses on the bill to declare Croffwicks-Creek a lawful fence, and after having gone through the hearing,

*Ordered,* That the said bill be read a second time.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of the county of Bergen, and from the stockholders of the bridges across the Passaick and Hackensack, praying that a further sum of money may be allowed by the Legislature to complete the causeway on the road from Newark to Powles-Hook, near Prior's mill, were read and referred to Messrs. Ward, W. Wikoff and Cobb.

A petition from the directors of Second-River bridge, praying that a law may pass to authorize them to make a road from Second-River bridge to Hackensack-River bridge, and that they may be allowed to receive a toll from travellers for passing over the same, was read and referred to the last mentioned committee.

A petition from the directors of Second-River bridge was read, stating the expense they have been at in building the said bridge, and the profits arising from the toll, and praying that the toll for crossing the said bridge may be increased, was read and referred to the committee last named.

Mr. Townsend reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for appointing commissioners to lay out and open a road from Burlington to Bordentown," and after having gone through the testimony offered, and heard counsel thereon,

*Ordered,* That the said bill be dismissed.

The bill, intituled, "An act for dividing the township of Newton, in the county of Suffex, into two separate townships," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Coxe, Wallace and Harris be a committee to enquire and report what alterations may be necessary with respect to the appropriation of the fines inflicted by the act for the punishment of crimes.

The bill, intituled, "An act to prevent routs, riots and tumultuous assemblies," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the bill, intituled, "A supplement to the

act, intituled, "An act to constitute and make Crosswicks-Creek a good and lawful fence, from the place known by the name of Watfon's-Ferry down to the mouth of the same," passed at Burlington, June the twentieth, seventeen hundred and sixty-five, was read, the parties for and against passing the same, desiring to be heard by counsel, were admitted accordingly, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Lanibert, from Council, returned the bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the election of members of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly, sheriffs and coroners, in this state," and informed the house that Council had passed the same with the amendments made thereto by this house.

Mr. Lambert, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate the stockholders of the bridges over the rivers Passaick and Hackensack," to which he requested the concurrence of this house ; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Wednesday, February 22, 1797.*

The house met.

Mr. Condict, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act for erecting a state prison ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the election of members of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly, sheriffs and coroners, in this state," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Berry,	Hough,	Terhune,	Messrs. Dayton,
Biddle,	Morgan,	E. Townsend,	M'Dowell,
Bowen,	Parret,	R. Townsend,	VanDuyn,
Burrowes,	Randolph,	Vancleve,	DeVroom.
Clement,	Sharps,	Wade,	
Cobb,	A. Smith,	Wallace,	
Condict,	P. Smith,	Ward,	
Coxe,	Stillwell,	Welsh,	
M'Cullough,	Somers,	S. Wyckoff,	
Hall,	Southard,	W. Wikoff.	
Harris,	Speer,		

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

Mr. DeVroom, from the committee who were appointed to enquire whether any and what alterations should be made in the act concerning the cavalry and artillery, reported,

**T**HAT, in the opinion of your committee, the said act ought to be repealed, and the following sections annexed to the militia bill now before the house :

*And be it further enacted*, That the troops of horse and companies of artillery



shall be subject to and under the orders of the commandants of the regiments and independent battalions within the bounds of which they or a majority of them were raised, and shall assemble for exercise and training under the direction of the said commanding officer, and in all cases shall be under the same regulations with the infantry, except when ordered out into actual service, or when the said troops of horse shall assemble in squadrons for training and exercise.

*And be it further enacted,* That the troops of horse in the several counties in this state, in which there are three or more troops, shall be formed into squadrons and commanded by a major, to be appointed by the joint-meeting and commissioned by the commander in chief; and the said squadrons shall yearly, on the third Mondays in May and September, assemble for exercise at such place as the commanding officer thereof shall appoint; and if two or more squadrons shall be called into actual service, the senior major shall command with the rank and pay of a lieutenant-colonel; and the cavalry and artillery of this state, when called into actual service, shall be subject to such temporary appointments and arrangements as the commander in chief of this state, for the time being, may deem necessary.

*Ordered,* That the said report be read a second time with the militia bill.

A motion was made, that the house go into the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the following letter of instructions be sent to the representatives of this state in the Senate of the United States:

*To John Rutherford and Richard Stockton, Esquires.*

Gentlemen,

The Legislature observing, by the publication of the debates of the federal government, that it is in contemplation to levy a direct tax on the real estates of the good people of America, in order to raise or increase the revenue of the United States, and at the same time proposing to increase the pay of the members of the legislature and raise the salaries of the officers of the different departments of the government. The Legislature of New-Jersey observe with concern, that measures, which to them appear not only unpopular, but prejudicial to the true interest of this country, should be agitated and countenanced by your honourable house. Direct taxation, in a country so extensive, and where real property is so varient in value, added to the great expense and uncertainty of the collection, induces a belief that an increase of indirect taxes would be the less evil of the two; and if subjects cannot be found proper for indirect taxes, adequate to the exigencies of the union, the increasing the pay and salaries of the officers of government is highly improper and will be obnoxious to the citizens of this state, who generally view the pay and salaries at present established, too high for the services rendered, more especially so, taking into consideration the nature of our government, being founded on republican principles, the circumstances of our fiscal obligations and the embarrassments of our mercantile interests.

The Legislature therefore request and instruct you, gentlemen, as the representatives of this state in the Senate of the United States, to use your influence in that honorable house, to prevent, as far as in your power, the passing any act for levying a direct tax, or for increasing the pay and salaries contemplated and above referred to.

Which resolution was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to prevent routs, riots and tumultuous assemblies," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Berry,	Hall,	Terhune,	Messrs. Condict,
Biddle,	Hough,	R. Townsend,	Harris,
Bowen,	Parret,	Vancleve,	Morgan,
Burrowes,	Randolph,	VanDuyn,	E. Townsend.
Clement,	Sharps,	DeVroom,	
Cobb,	A. Smith,	Wade,	
Coxe,	P. Smith,	Welsh,	
M'Cullough,	Stillwell,	S. Wyckoff,	
Dayton,	Southard,	W. Wikoff.	
M'Dowell,	Speer,		

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for dividing the township of Newton, in the county of Suffex, into two separate townships," was read and compared ;  
*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the said bills.

*Ordered*, That Mr. R. Townsend do carry the said bills to the Council for concurrence.

Agreeably to leave given, a bill was presented, intituled, "An act for appointing commissioners to lay out a new road, or alter the old road, from Burlington to Mount-Holly;" which bill was read and dismissed.

Mr. Kitchel, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, "An act concerning stray cattle, horses and sheep," to which he requested the concurrence of this house ; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Ogden, from Council, returned the bill, intituled, "An act concerning inns and taverns," with the amendments made thereto by Council, to which he requested the concurrence of this house.

Mr. Ogden, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the recording certain deeds for lands lying in the river Delaware, heretofore acknowledged or proved according to the laws of Pennsylvania," to which he requested the concurrence of this house ; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," with the amendments made thereto by the Council, was read a second time ; whereupon,  
*Resolved*, That this house do adhere to their bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Vancleve do carry the said bill to Council and acquaint them, that this house do adhere to their bill.

Mr. R. Townsend and Mr. Vancleve reported, that they had obeyed the order of the house.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Thursday, February 23, 1797.*

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Nicausie Kip," was read and compared ;



On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Messrs. Berry,	Southard,	Messrs. Biddle,	Sharps,
Burrowes,	Speer,	Bowen,	A. Smith,
Cobb,	Terhune,	Clement,	P. Smith,
Condict,	R. Townsend,	Hall,	Somers,
Coxe,	Vancleve,	Harris,	E. Townsend,
M'Cullough,	VanDuyn,	Hough,	Welsh,
Dayton,	DeVroom,	Morgan,	S. Wyckoff.
M'Dowell,	Wade,	Randolph,	
Parret,	Ward,		
Stillwell,	W. Wikoff.		

The engrossed bill, intituled, " A supplement to the act, intituled, " An act for the better relief and employment of the poor in the county of Salem," was read and compared ;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the said bills.

*Ordered*, That Mr. VanDuyn do carry the said bills to the Council for concurrence.

A warrant of half-pay in favour of Phebe Little, issued in lieu of one heretofore granted, and which has been filled with endorsements, was read and approved ;

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. DeVroom do carry the said warrant to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. VanDuyn reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee of civil claims, to whom was referred the auditor's letter of the 16th instant, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, " An act to appoint an agent of forfeited estates for the county of Middlesex, in the room of David Olden, deceased ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act concerning inns and taverns," with the amendments made thereto by Council, was read ;

*Resolved*, That the house agree to all the amendments made by Council to the said bill, except the first, and in that respect do adhere to their bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wade do carry the said bill and amendments to the Council and inform them therewith.

The bill, intituled, " An act concerning horse-racing," was read a second time ;

On the question, Whether the 6th section, in the following words, be struck out of the bill ?

And whereas the improvement of the breed of horses may be useful, beneficial and important, and such improvement may in part depend on their public exercises, *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for any three justices of the peace of the county, in which the horse-race is proposed to be had, to give permission under their hands in writing, for any public horse-race in such county ; and further, that nothing in this act shall extend to, or affect any horse-race so as aforesaid by them permitted or authorized—

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Berry,	Harris,	Southard,	Messrs. Biddle,
Bowen,	Hough,	Terhunc,	Dayton,
Burrowes,	Morgan,	E. Townsend,	Sharps,
Clement,	Parret,	R. Townsend,	Speer,
Cobb,	Randolph,	VanDuyn,	Vancleve,
Condict,	A. Smith,	DeVroom,	Wade,
Coxe,	P. Smith,	Wallace,	S. Wyckoff,
M'Cullough,	Stillwell,	Welsh,	W. Wikoff.
M'Dowell,	Somers,	Ward.	
Hall,			

*Ordered*, That the said bill, as amended, be read a third time.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act respecting apprentices and servants," was read and compared ;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Welsh do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

A petition from a number of inhabitants of the county of Gloucester, stating, that many people in the state are destitute of learning sufficient to read, whose parents are obliged to pay towards Princeton college agreeably to law, and praying a repeal of the law passed, granting a sum of money to that institution, was read ; also, a petition from the county of Middlesex, setting forth, that they have not yet received their pay from the public for what was forced from them during the last war to supply the army, although eighteen or twenty years have since elapsed, they have suffered for want of the same ; that they have made application to the Legislature for payment of those demands repeatedly ; that the Legislature, instead of making them payment, have answered, that it should be paid as soon as it is in their power to raise or collect the same by way of gradual tax as the inhabitants can bear it ; that those fair promises have not been complied with, although they have paid their taxes with cheerfulness, under a hope that the monies thence arising would enable the state to pay them their just dues ; that they are astonished that the Legislature have granted money to the college of New-Jersey, while they cannot get bread to support their poor families, and praying a repeal of the law granting money to the said college, and that they would pay them their just dues, was also read ; whereupon,

Mr. Clement, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to repeal an act, intituled, "An act concerning the college of New-Jersey ;" which was read, and with the said petitions ordered a second reading.

Mr. DeVroom reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Outwater, from Council, informed the house that Council do adhere to their amendments made to the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," and reject the said bill.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Welsh reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The report of Mr. Vancleve, of the 18th instant, on the Monmouth petition,



was read a second time and referred to the attorney general, and that he make report thereon.

Mr. Condit, from Council, returned the bill, intituled, "An act respecting inns and taverns," with the amendments made thereto by Council, and informed the house that Council have receded from their first amendment made to the said bill, which was disagreed to by the House of Assembly; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be re-engrossed with the amendments agreed to by this house.

Mr. Condit also informed the house, that Council have approved of the warrant in favor of Phebe Little, for the half-pay of her late husband.

The bill, intituled, "An act for erecting a state prison," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The resolution for sending instructions to the senators of this state, in the Congress of the United States, moved for yesterday, was read a second time.

A motion was made to dismiss the said resolutions, and the question being put, it was carried in the negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Messrs. Bowen,	Sharps,	Messrs. Berry,	Vancleve,
Burrowes,	A. Smith,	Biddle,	Wade,
Clement,	P. Smith,	Coxe,	Wallace,
Cobb,	Stillwell,	Harris,	Ward,
Condict,	Somers,	Hough,	S. Wyckoff.
M'Cullough,	Southard,	Parret,	
Dayton,	VanDuyn,	Speer,	
M'Dowell,	DeVroom,	Terhune,	
Hall,	Welsh,	E. Townsend,	
Randolph,	W. Wikoff.	R. Townsend,	

Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said resolutions be referred to the next sitting.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Friday, February 24, 1797.*

The house met.

A motion was made by Mr. Condict, seconded by Mr. Morgan, that the entry of the petitions from Gloucester and Middlesex of yesterday, be corrected to read as follows :

A petition from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Gloucester and Middlesex, praying for reasons therein set forth, that the law granting a certain sum of money for the use of the college at Princeton should be repealed; which was read; whereupon,

Mr. Clement, &c.

On the question, Whether the house agree to the said motion? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

On which the yeas and nays were required by Mr. Vancleve, seconded by Mr. Wade.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Messrs. Bowen,	M'Dowell,	Stillwell,	Messrs. Berry,	Ward,
Burrowes,	Hall,	Somers,	Biddle,	S. Wyckoff,
Clement,	Hough,	Southard,	P. Smith,	W. Wikoff.
Cobb,	Morgan,	R. Townsend,	Speer,	
Condict,	Parret,	VanDuyn,	Terhune,	
Coxe,	Randolph,	DeVroom,	E. Townsend,	
M'Cullough,	Sharps,	Wallace,	Vancleve,	
Dayton,	A. Smith,	Welsh.	Wade,	

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act concerning inns and taverns," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Berry,	Dayton,	Stillwell,	Messrs. M'Dowell,
Biddle,	Hall,	Speer,	A. Smith,
Bowen,	Harris,	Vancleve,	Southard,
Burrowes,	Hough,	DeVroom,	Terhune,
Clement,	Morgan,	Wade,	E. Townsend,
Cobb,	Parret,	Wallace,	R. Townsend,
Condict,	Randolph,	Welsh,	VanDuyn,
Coxe,	Sharps,	W. Wikoff.	Ward,
M'Cullough,	P. Smith,		S. Wyckoff.

*Ordered,* That the speaker do sign the said bill.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Ward do carry the said bill to the Council and acquaint them, that the said bill is passed by this house with the amendments agreed to by both houses.

Mr. Randolph, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, "An act directing an election to be held in the county of Cape-May, for choosing a sheriff and coroners," and a bill, intituled, "An act declaring the jurisdiction of the several counties in this state, which are divided by rivers, creeks, bays, highways or roads ;" to which bills he requested the concurrence of this house ; which bills were read and ordered a second reading.

Two petitions from the county of Monmouth, praying that commissioners may be appointed by law to examine the ground and report to the Legislature the propriety of running a road from the court-house in Monmouth to the bay shore, as they may think proper, was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Ward, from the committee to whom was referred the two petitions from the directors of Second-River bridge, reported,

**T**HAT your committee, having taken into consideration the said petitions, with the statement accompanying the same, and conceiving it to be but just and reasonable that proper encouragement be given to improvements of such general public utility, are of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioners (as far as respects raising the tolls) ought to be granted, and the rates of toll raised in such manner as to afford compensation in some proportion to the expense incurred in erecting said bridge, and that the petitioners have leave to present a bill for that purpose, but that the further consideration of the petition of said directors for establishing a toll-causeway, or turnpike, through the cedar-swamp, be referred till the next sitting of the Legislature, when the propriety or impropriety of granting such indulgence will be more fully known.

By order of the committee,

PETER WARD.



*Ordered*, That the said report be read a second time.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Walton, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act to prevent routs, riots and tumultuous assemblies," without amendment.

Mr. Black, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act to repeal two certain acts therein mentioned," and the bill, intituled, "An additional supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to enable the inhabitants of certain towns and townships, to repair their public highways by hire," without amendment.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An additional supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for organizing and training the militia of this state," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

*Saturday, February 25, 1797.*

The house met.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Rachel Stevens, widow of Samuel Stevens, who died in the actual service of his country, as a foldier in the Jersey brigade, reported as follows :

**T**HAT agreeably to the adjudication of the court of quarter sessions of the peace for the county of Essex, the petitioner ought to receive the half-pay of her deceased husband, from the first day of April, 1778, which appears to be the time he died.

By order of the committee,

ELIAS DAYTON.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning the real estate of Samuel Witham Stockton, late of the county of Hunterdon, esquire, deceased," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Dayton, Vancleve and Terhune.

Two petitions from the inhabitants of the townships of Acquackanunk and Newark, lying on the west side of the first mountain, praying that a new township may be set off from the said townships, and that they may have leave to present a bill for that purpose, with a petition in opposition thereto, were read ;

*Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill on the second Wednesday of the next sitting of the Legislature, to answer the prayer of their said petition, they previously advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present in three of the most public places in the district, and the newspapers printed in Newark, for at least three weeks previous thereto.

A petition from the township of Elizabeth, praying that the said township of Elizabeth may be divided, and that a new township may be set off, to be

called the township of Washington, and that they may have leave to present a bill for that purpose ;

*Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill on the second Wednesday of the next sitting of the Legislature, to answer the prayer of their said petition, they previously advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present in three of the most public places in the district, and in the newspaper printed in Elizabeth-Town, for at least three weeks previous thereto.

Mr. Sinnickson, from Council, informed the house that Council have rejected the bill, intituled, " An act for the better relief and employment of the poor in the county of Salem."

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, " An act for erecting a state prison ;"

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to Messrs. Condict, Southard and Wade, and that they so alter the bill that some one suitable person be appointed to superintend the work, he giving satisfactory security for the money he may receive, and that the committee be instructed to alter the bill accordingly.

The several petitions from Somerset county, on the subject of their courthouse, were read a second time and committed to Messrs. Condict, Bowen and Burrowes.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, " An additional supplement to the act, intituled, " An act for organizing and training the militia of this state," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till Monday morning ten of the clock.

*Monday, February 27, 1797.*

The house met.

The bill, intituled, " An act to authorize the owners and possessors of a piece of bog or fresh meadow, situate at Connecticut-Farms, in the county of Essex, to appoint managers to drain the same," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, " An additional supplement to an act, intituled, " An act for organizing and training the militia of this state," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Condict, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, " An act for erecting a state prison," reported the same with sundry amendments ; which being read and further amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Southard, with leave presented a bill, intituled, " An act for making further compensations to constables for services in certain cases ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Condict desired leave to present a bill, intituled, " An act authorizing



the panels of jurors in certain cases to be reformed by the court ;” which bill was read ;

On the question, Whether the same be read a second time ? It was carried in the negative.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee to whom was referred the adjudication of the court of quarter sessions of the peace of the county of Essex, in favour of Elizabeth Henderson, late widow of Samuel Roberts, a soldier in captain Howell’s company, first regiment, Jersey troops, killed the 24th day of October, 1777, in the actual service of his country, reported,

**T**HAT, the said Elizabeth Henderson, late Roberts, ought to receive twenty-five shillings per month from the 24th day of October, 1777, to the 20th day of October, 1784, being the time she remained the widow of the said Samuel Roberts.

By order of the committee,  
ELIAS DAYTON.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

The report of Mr. Dayton on the application of John Russell of the 11th instant, was read a second time and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the petitioner, John Russell, have leave to present a bill for his relief.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

*Tuesday, February 28, 1797.*

The house met.

Mr. Ward, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the stockholders of the bridges over the rivers Passaic and Hackensack, presented a bill, intituled, “ An act granting a further sum of money to the commissioners therein named ;” which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of Monmouth, praying leave to present a bill to repeal so much of the law which appointed commissioners to run a new road from Mount-Holly to the court-house, as respects the road from the court-house to James’s lane, was read ;

*Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill on the second Thursday of the next sitting, on previously advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present in three public places in the township of Freehold, in the county of Monmouth.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Newark, in the county of Essex, praying, for reasons therein contained, that certain persons may be incorporated as a body politic and corporate to take charge of and manage the property on Passaic river, purchased by certain persons for a dock near the said town of Newark, was read ; whereupon,

Mr. Wade, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, “ An act for incorporating sundry persons as trustees of the Newtown dock of Newark, in Essex county, and that the same be read a second time on the third Wednesday of the next sitting of the Legislature, on the said petitioners advertising a copy of this order in one of the public newspapers printed in Newark, at least three weeks previous thereto.

Mr. Stillwell, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, " An act for the relief of John Russell, a militia foldier.

A petition from fundry inhabitants of the counties of Morris, Somerset and Essex, adjoining and near the tract of land called the Great Swamp, praying the benefit of a lottery to enable them to make a road through the said swamp, was read and dismissed.

The bill, intituled, " An act to appoint an agent of forfeited estates for the county of Middlesex, in the room of David Olden, deceased," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Coxe, from the committee appointed to report what further provision is necessary for the appropriation of fines created by virtue of the act for the punishment of crimes, reported,

**T**HAT, by a law of December 20, 1781, provision is made for all such fines except those contemplated in the 32d section of said act, for the appropriation of which they submit a bill, intituled, " An act supplementary to an act for the punishment of crimes ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Condict, from the committee to whom the petitions from the county of Somerset, respecting the removal of the court-house and gaol of the said county, were referred, reported,

**T**HAT the petitioners in favour of a law to authorize a new trial to establish and fix the place for erecting a court-house, propose different modes for obtaining the object of their petitions ; some of them praying for a popular election, while others pray that commissioners may be appointed to determine the place for the said court-house to be established. Your committee further observe, that the said petitioners on a former application had leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petitions, on the second Wednesday of the last sitting of the Legislature, but have neglected to present such bill at the time aforesaid ; and it being alledged and asserted by the party remonstrating, that some of the inconveniences complained of in the present situation of the court-house, is already or shortly will be removed. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that it will be for the peace of the county to postpone the decision of the Legislature on the subject for the present, and recommend to the house to refer the said petitions to the next sitting of the Legislature.

By order of the committee,  
SILAS CONDUCT.

To which the house agreed.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " An act for erecting a state prison," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas	Nays.	Nays.
Messrs. Biddle,	French,	E. Townsend,	Messrs. Berry,	Southard,
Bowen,	Hall,	R. Townsend,	Dayton,	Speer,
Burrowes,	Hough,	Vancleve,	M'Dowell,	Terhune,
Clement,	Parret,	DeVroom,	Harris,	VanDuyn,
Cobb,	A. Smith,	Wallace,	Morgan,	Wade,
Condict,	P. Smith,	S. Wyckoff,	Randolph,	Ward.
Coxe,	Stillwell,	W. Wikoff.	Sharps,	
M'Cullough,	Somers,			



*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. S. Wyckoff do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to provide for the distribution of the laws, votes and proceedings of the Legislature of this state," and after having gone through the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the same be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to compel joint tenants and tenants in common to make partition, and for the more easy obtaining partition of lands in coparcenary, joint-tenancy and tenancy in common," was read a second time, and after some spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Cooper, from Council, returned the bill, intituled, "An act respecting apprentices and servants," with fundry amendments made thereto by Council, to which he requested the concurrence of this house ; which bill as amended was read and ordered a second reading.

The report of Mr. Burrowes from the committee to whom was referred the report of Mr. Burrowes, on the application of the stage proprietors and others of the 9th November last, and which was reported on the 1st instant, was read a second time.

A motion was made to amend the report by striking out the words after *committee*, to the word *one*, so that the report may read, "That, in the opinion of your committee, one fourth of the revenue arising from the stages be appropriated to the repairs of the stage road," and the question being put, it was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Berry,	A. Smith,	Messrs. Burrowes,
Biddle,	P. Smith,	Cobb,
Bowen,	Stillwell,	Dayton,
Clement,	Somers,	M'Dowell,
Condict,	Terhune,	Parret,
Coxe,	E. Townsend,	Hough,
M'Cullough,	R. Townsend,	Southard,
French,	Vancleve,	Speer,
Hall,	VanDuyn,	DeVroom,
Morgan,	Wallace,	Wade,
Parret,	Ward,	S. Wyckoff,
Randolph,	Welsh.	W. Wikoff.
Sharps,		

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said report be postponed.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The report of Mr. Wade, on the memorial from Cumberland, of the 7th of November last, was read a second time and agreed to ; whereupon,

Mr. Bowen, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act to repeal the first section of the act, intituled, "An act concerning the surrogates in the several counties of this state ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An additional supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for organizing and training the militia of this state," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be recommitted to Messrs. DeVroom, Burrowes, Ward, Wade and Cobb.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to provide for the distribution of the laws, votes and proceedings of the Legislature of this state," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was negatived, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Messrs. Biddle,	French,	Stillwell,	Messrs. Berry,	Southard,
Bowen,	Harris,	Speer,	Cobb,	Terhune,
Burrowes,	Hough,	R. Townsend,	Condit,	E. Townsend,
Clement,	Morgan,	Wade,	Coxe,	Vancleve,
M'Cullough,	Parret,	Wallace,	Hall,	VanDuyn,
Dayton,	Randolph,	S. Wyckoff,	Sharps,	DeVroom,
M'Dowell,	A. Smith,	W. Wikoff.	P. Smith,	Welsh.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to appoint an agent of forfeited estates for the county of Middlesex, in the room of David Olden, deceased," was read and compared ;

*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. W. Wikoff do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Corson, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Nicause Kip," without amendment.

Mr. Corson presented a bill from Council, intituled, "An act concerning the trial of murder in cases where the stroke and death happen in different counties, and in cases where either the stroke or death only happens within this state," to which he requested the concurrence of this house ; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Lambert, from Council, informed the house that Council have rejected the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of William Finley."

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to constitute and make Crosswicks-Creek a good and lawful fence, from the place known by the name of Watson's-Ferry down to the mouth of the same," passed at Burlington, June the twentieth, seventeen hundred and sixty-five, and after having amended the same,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act respecting slaves," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

*Wednesday, March 1, 1797.*

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to



constitute and make Croffwicks-Creek a good and lawful fence, from the place known by the name of Watſon's-Ferry, down to the mouth of the ſame," paſſed the twentieth day of June, ſeventeen hundred and ſixty-five, was read and compared ;

On the queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Meffrs. Biddle,	French,	E. Townſend,	Meffrs. Berry,	Speer,
Bowen,	Hall,	R. Townſend,	Dayton,	Terhune,
Burrowes,	Harris,	Vancleve,	M'Dowell,	VanDuyn,
Clement,	Hough,	Wade,	Randolph,	DeVroom,
Cobb,	Morgan,	Wallace,	Sharps,	Ward,
Condiſt,	Parret,	Welſh,	P. Smith,	S. Wyckoff.
Coxe,	A. Smith,	W. Wikoff.	Stillwell,	
M'Cullough,	Southard,		Somers,	

*Ordered*, That the ſpeaker do ſign the ſame.

The engroſſed bill, intituled, " An act to authorize the owners and poſſeſſors of a piece of bog or freſh meadow, ſituate at Connecticut-Farms, in the county of Eſſex, to appoint managers to drain the ſame," was read and compared ;

*Reſolved unanimoſly*, That the ſame do paſs.

*Ordered*, That the ſpeaker do ſign the ſame.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Berry do carry the ſaid bills to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. W. Wikoff and Mr. Berry reported, that they had obeyed the orders of the houſe.

A memorial from fundry inhabitants of the county of Somerſet, ſuggeſting amendmẽts to the "Act for the puniſhment of crimes," was read and ordered to be read a ſecond time with the bill, intituled, " An act to repeal the twenty-ſeventh ſection of the act for the puniſhment of crimes, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned."

Mr. Dayton, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, " An act concerning the real eſtate of Samuel Witham Stockton, late of the county of Hunterdon, eſquire, deceased," reported the ſame with fundry amendmẽts, which was read, and after ſome time ſpent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

Mr. DeVroom, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, " An additional ſupplement to an act, intituled, " An act for organizing and training the militia of this ſtate," reported the ſame with fundry amendmẽts, which was read, debated and ordered to be engroſſed.

The houſe adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The houſe met.

The houſe reſumed the conſideration of the bill, intituled, " An act reſpect- ing ſlaves."

A motion was made, that the ſaid bill be diſmiſſed ;

On the queſtion, Whether the houſe agree to the ſaid motion ? It was carried in the negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Meffrs. Biddle,	Burrowes,	Cobb,	Coxe,
Bowen,	Clement,	Condiſt,	M'Cullough,

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Messrs. Dayton,	Stillwell,	Messrs. Berry,	Vancleve,
French,	Somers,	M'Dowell,	VanDuyn,
Hall,	E. Townsend,	Morgan,	DeVroom,
Harris,	R. Townsend,	Randolph,	Wade,
Hough,	Wallace,	Sharps,	Ward,
Parret,	Welsh.	Southard,	S. Wyckoff,
A. Smith,		Speer,	W. Wikoff.
P. Smith,		Terhune,	

A motion was made, that the said bill be referred to the next sitting ;

On the question, Whether the house agree to the said motion ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Messrs. Biddle,	Dayton,	Sharps,	Messrs. Berry,	DeVroom,
Bowen,	M'Dowell,	A. Smith,	Morgan,	Wade,
Burrowes,	French,	P. Smith,	Stillwell,	Ward,
Clement,	Hall,	Somers,	Southard,	S. Wyckoff,
Cobb,	Harris,	E. Townsend,	Speer,	W. Wikoff.
Condict,	Hough,	R. Townsend,	Terhune,	
Coxe,	Parret,	Wallace.	Vancleve,	
M'Cullough,	Randolph,		VanDuyn,	

A motion was made, that the clerk of this house be directed to make and deliver a copy of the said bill to the printer of the State Gazette, with a note to be inserted, requesting all the printers in this state, who publish a news-paper, to publish the said bill for the consideration of the good people of this state ;

On the question, Whether the house agree thereto ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays
Messrs. Biddle,	Dayton,	Somers,	Messrs. Berry,	Vancleve,
Bowen,	French,	E. Townsend,	M'Dowell,	VanDuyn,
Burrowes,	Hall,	R. Townsend,	Morgan,	DeVroom,
Clement,	Harris,	Wade,	Randolph,	Ward,
Cobb,	Hough,	Wallace.	Sharps,	S. Wyckoff,
Condict,	Parret,		Stillwell,	W. Wikoff.
Coxe,	A. Smith,		Southard,	
M'Cullough,	P. Smith,		Terhune,	

Mr. Kitchel, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, " An act for erecting a state-prison," without amendment.

Mr. Beardslee from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, " An act for dividing the township of Newton, in the county of Suffex, into two separate townships," without amendment.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

*Thursday, March 2, 1797.*

The house met.

A petition from Lazarus Wilmuts, stating, that he had purchased a piece of



falt-meadow at the sales of the commissioners of forfeited estates, in the county of Middlesex ; that he had not received a deed for the same before the death of the commissioners ; and praying the said falt-meadow may be legally conveyed to him, with affidavits to support the facts, were read and referred to Messrs. Southard, Morgan and Berry.

A petition from Newton, in the county of Suffex, from a number of the inhabitants thereof, praying for a further division of the township of Newton, was read ;

*Ordered,* That the petitioners have leave to present a bill on the second Friday of the next sitting, they previously advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present, with a copy of this order, in three of the most public places in the township of Newton, and also in the news-paper printed in that town, for at least twenty days previous thereto.

The bill, intituled, “ An act for the relief of John Russell, a militia foldier,” was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, “ An act concerning the real estate of Samuel Witham Stockton, esquire, deceased,” and after having gone through the said bill,

*Ordered,* That the same be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, “ An act to repeal the twenty-seventh section of the act for the punishment of crimes, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” was read a second time ;

On the question, Whether the house agree to the first section ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Messrs. Berry,	Southard,	Messrs. Biddle,	A. Smith,
M'Cullough,	Speer,	Bowen,	Stillwell,
Dayton,	Terhune,	Burrowes,	Somers,
M'Dowell,	VanDuyn,	Clement,	E. Townsend,
Hall,	DeVroom,	Cobb,	R. Townsend,
Harris,	Wade,	Condit,	Vancleve,
Morgan,	Ward,	Coxe,	Wallace.
Randolph,	Welsh,	French,	
Sharps,	S. Wyckoff,	Hough,	
P. Smith,	W. Wikoff.	Parret,	

On the question, Whether the second section do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Messrs. Berry,	Sharps,	DeVroom,	Messrs. Biddle,	Hough,
M'Cullough,	P. Smith,	Wade,	Bowen,	Parret,
Dayton,	Stillwell,	Ward,	Burrowes,	A. Smith,
M'Dowell,	Southard,	Welsh,	Clement,	Somers,
Hall,	Speer,	S. Wyckoff,	Cobb,	E. Townsend,
Harris,	Terhune,	W. Wikoff.	Condict,	R. Townsend,
Morgan,	Vancleve,		Coxe,	Wallace.
Randolph,	VanDuyn,		French,	

*Ordered,* That the said bill be engrossed.

Mr. Outwater, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the following bills without amendment :

1. An act to appoint an agent of forfeited estates for the county of Middlesex, in the room of David Olden, deceased.

2. An act to authorize the owners and possessors of a piece of bog or fresh-meadow, situate at Connecticut-Farms, in the county of Essex, to appoint managers to drain the same.

3. A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to constitute and make Crosswicks-Creek a good and lawful fence, from the place known by the name of Watson's-Ferry, down to the mouth of the same," passed the twentieth day of June, seventeen hundred and sixty-five.

The house resumed the consideration of the report of Mr. Burrowes, which was amended on the 28th instant, and agreed to the same as amended.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Wade, VanDuyn and Ward, be a committee to prepare and present a bill in conformity with the said report.

Mr. Coxe, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act giving authority to courts, in certain cases, to reform the pannels of jurors;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Vancleve, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act directing an election to be held in the county of Hunterdon, to choose a sheriff in said county, in the room of Elias Phillips, esquire, deceased, and respecting the election of sheriffs generally, where vacancies may happen in any of the counties of this state;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Moore, who has been detained from the house for some time by sickness, attended and took his seat in the house.

The bill, intituled, "An act to repeal the first section of the act, intituled, "An act concerning the surrogates in the several counties of this state," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from the township of Great-Egg-Harbour, in the county of Gloucester, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the said township may be divided into two townships, and praying leave to present a bill for that purpose, was read;

*Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill on the first Monday of the next sitting, with advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present in four of the most public places in the said township, for at least three weeks previous thereto.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An additional supplement to an act, intituled "An act for organizing and training the militia of this state," was read and compared;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Messrs. Berry,	Morgan,	Vancleve,	Messrs. Biddle,	R. Townsend,
Bowen,	Randolph,	VanDuyn,	Clement,	Wallace.
Burrowes,	Sharps,	DeVroom,	French,	
Cobb,	P. Smith,	Wade,	Hall,	
Condict,	Stillwell,	Ward,	Hough,	
Coxe,	Somers,	Welsh,	Parret,	
Dayton,	Southard,	S. Wyckoff,	A. Smith,	
M'Dowell,	Speer,	W. Wikoff.	E. Townsend,	
Harris,	Terhune,			



*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Bowen do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to repeal the twenty-seventh section of the act for the punishment of crimes, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas	Yeas.
Messrs. Biddle,	Parret,	Messrs. Berry,	Terhune,
Bowen,	A. Smith,	M'Cullough,	Vancleve,
Burrowes,	P. Smith,	Dayton,	VanDuyu,
Clement,	Stillwell,	M'Dowell,	DeVroom,
Cobb,	Somers,	Harris,	Wade,
Condict,	E. Townsend,	Morgan,	Ward,
Coxe,	R. Townsend,	Randolph,	Welsh,
French,	<i>Speaker.</i>	Sharps,	S. Wyckoff,
Hall,		Southard,	W. Wikoff.
Hough,		Speer,	

There not being twenty members in favor of the said bill, the same was lost.

Mr. Condit, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, "An act concerning the supreme and circuit courts," to which he requested the concurrence of this house ; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning horse-racing," with the amendments made thereto by this house, was read a third time ;

*Resolved*, That the same, as amended, do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the said bill and amendments.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Biddle do carry the said bill and amendments to the Council, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

*Friday, March 3, 1797.*

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act directing an election to be held in the county of Cape-May for choosing a sheriff and coroners," was read a second time ; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to Messrs. Vancleve, Bowen and E. Townsend.

The bill, intituled, "An act directing an election to be held in the county of Hunterdon to choose a sheriff, in the said county, in the room of Elias Phillips, esquire, deceased, and respecting the election of sheriffs generally, when vacancies may happen in any of the counties of this state," was read a second time and referred to the last mentioned committee, with directions to the committee to incorporate the said bills into one, so as to embrace the objects contemplated in both bills.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Berry have leave of absence during the present sitting.

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting apprentices and servants," was read a second time with the amendments made thereto by the Council ;

*Resolved*, That the house agree to all the amendments made to the said bill, except the fourth and fifth amendments, and with respect to them do adhere to their bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Burrowes do carry the said bill and amendments to the Council, and acquaint them that this house agree to all the amendments made to the said bill, except the 4th and 5th amendments, and with respect to them do adhere to their bill.

Mr. Biddle and Mr. Bowen reported, that they had obeyed the order of the house.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act concerning the furrogates in the several counties of this state," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Messrs. Bowen,	Somers,	Messrs. Biddle,	Stillwell,
Burrowes,	Southard,	Clement,	Speer,
Dayton,	E. Townsend,	Cobb,	Terhune,
French,	R. Townsend,	Condict,	VanDuyn,
Hall,	Vancleve,	Coxe,	DeVroom,
Harris,	Wade,	M'Cullough,	Welsh,
Moore,	Wallace,	Hough,	W. Wikoff.
Parret,	Ward,	Morgan,	
A. Smith,	S. Wyckoff,	Randolph,	
P. Smith,	<i>Speaker.</i>	Sharps,	

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act concerning the real estate of Samuel Witham Stockton, late of the county of Hunterdon, esquire, deceased," was read and compared ;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of John Russell," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Biddle,	Hough,	Vancleve,	Messrs. Clement,
Bowen,	Moore,	DeVroom,	Condict,
Cobb,	Morgan,	Wade,	Hall,
Coxe,	Parret,	Wallace,	Randolph,
M'Cullough,	P. Smith,	Ward,	Sharps,
Dayton,	Stillwell,	S. Wyckoff,	A. Smith,
M'Dowell,	Southard,	W. Wikoff.	E. Townsend,
French,	Speer,		VanDuyn,
Harris,	Terhune,		Welsh.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Clement do carry the said bills to Council for concurrence.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Benajah Parvin," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.



The house met.

The petition from the administrators, &c. of Jacob Smith, deceased, read on the 28th of January last, was read a second time ; whereupon,

Mr. Smith presented the draught of a bill to answer the prayer of the said petition, intituled, "An act to authorize and empower Peter Wintermute and Jacob Savekool, administrators, &c. of Jacob Smith, deceased, to fulfil a certain contract and agreement made and entered into by the said Jacob Smith, relative to the sale of lands ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Stillwell, with leave, presented the following resolution, which was read and ordered a second reading :

*Resolved*, That the secretary of the state be directed to report to the next Legislature, whether any, and if any, the names of those clerks of the several counties of this state who have neglected to comply with the direction of the act, intituled, "An act to empower the clerks of the several counties to administer the official and other necessary oaths to certain officers in such counties, and for procuring to the secretary of the state returns of the names of such officers," passed the ninth day of June, 1779, and who have failed to give bond conformably with the 5th section of the act, intituled, "An act for the recording of deeds and other instruments of writing respecting the titles of land in the several counties in this state, and for declaring what shall be evidence of such deeds and other instruments," passed the 14th day of December, 1784.

The bill, intituled, "An act relating to hawkers, pedlers and petty-chapmen," was read a second time, debated and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Randolph, from Council, returned the bill, intituled, "An act concerning horse-racing," and informed this house, that Council have passed the said bill with the amendments made thereto by this house.

The members withdrew to attend a joint-meeting, and being returned, the speaker desired leave to resign his seat as speaker, he having been elected as one of the representatives of this state to the Congress of the United States.

The speaker having resigned his seat, the house proceeded to the choice of a speaker for the remainder of the sitting, and the ballots being counted, a majority were found in favor of Silas Condict, esquire, who was thereupon placed in the chair.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Cobb do wait on the Council and inform them thereof.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

*Saturday, March 4, 1797.*

The house met.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hough have leave of absence for the remainder of the sitting.

*Resolved*, That the speaker have power during the recess of the Legislature to convene the General Assembly whenever any occasion shall, in his opinion, render it necessary.

A petition from the county of Monmouth, praying that a law may pass to make the bridge at Cyrenus Van Mater's mill a county charge, was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Clement, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act to suspend the operation of an act, intituled, "An act for laying out, opening and improving certain roads in the counties of Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester and Burlington, in this state, so far as respects the roads from Roadstown and Bridgetown, in the county of Cumberland, to Woodbury in the county of Gloucester;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The speaker laid before the house the following report :

The attorney-general, to whom was referred the report of Mr. Vancleve on the Monmouth petition, begs leave to submit the following report :

**T**HAT, under the existing laws of this state, an executor or administrator is entitled to give a preference to such creditors as he may think proper, where more than one possesses the same and highest degree of evidence of their debts ; that the policy of this discretion may be highly questionable, as it may in many instances defeat entirely the claims of those who are in justice equally intituled ; that in some cases the wisdom of the Legislature hath made provision for an equal distribution of the estate to all creditors where there is not sufficient to pay the whole, such as in that of an absconding debtor and in that of insolvency. He would therefore beg leave to suggest the propriety of passing a law to controul the power which is vested in executors and administrators to discriminate between those whose precaution have placed them upon the same footing in point of priority, so that there may be an equal distribution as to those debts should it be thought improper to extend the provision further.

AN. DN. WOODRUFF, Attorney-General.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Dayton, from the joint-committee of the Council and General Assembly, appointed to inspect the office and confer with the secretary on the subject of his letter, dated 9th November, 1796, reported,

**T**HAT they have inspected the office agreeably to their appointment, and that upon examination it appears to them, that the office would be more secure if there were iron shutters affixed on the inner side of the windows ; that some of the old files of original wills, letters of administration, &c. &c. are irregular, as well with respect to the order of time as the counties to which they belong ; that from the observation of your committee it appears, that the present secretary has paid great attention to the office since his appointment ; that he hath recorded all the letters of administration, wills and other papers which were deposited in said office since the second day of July, 1776, agreeably to law, and that so far as original papers have been filed by the present secretary they appear to be properly filed and arranged.

The committee are of opinion that some provision ought to be made to arrange the irregular files in proper order, and to prevent the books of records and original papers from being taken out of the office as evidence, or for any other purpose, and recommend the passing a law to prevent the same.

By order of the committee,

ABRAHAM KITCHEL,  
ELIAS DAYTON.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Black, from Council, informed the house that Council do adhere to their amendments made to the 3d and seventh sections of the bill, intituled, "An act respecting apprentices and servants," and do reject the said bill.

Mr. Walton, from Council, informed the house that the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of John Russell," is passed by Council without amendment.



The bill, intitled, "An act to incorporate the stockholders of the bridges over the rivers Passaick and Hackensack," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be read a third time.

The bill, intitled, "An act concerning the trial of murder in cases where the stroke and death happen in different counties, and in cases where either the stroke or death only happens within this state," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be read a third time.

The bill, intitled, "An act declaring the jurisdiction of the several counties in this state, which are divided by rivers, creeks, bays, highways or roads," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be read a third time.

The bill, intitled, "An act directing bills of exceptions to be sealed," was read and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intitled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Cobb reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Vancleve, from the committee to whom was committed the bill, intitled, "An act directing an election to be held in the county of Cape-May for choosing a sheriff and coroners," reported the same with sundry amendments; and the said committee, to whom also was referred the bill, intitled, "An act directing an election to be held in the county of Hunterdon to choose a sheriff in the said county, in the room of Elias Phillips, esquire, deceased," reported the said bill with sundry amendments, and with the following title: "A supplement to the act, intitled, "An act concerning sheriffs."

The bill, intitled, "An act directing an election to be held in the county of Cape-May for choosing a sheriff and coroners," was read, the amendments agreed to and the bill ordered a third reading.

The bill, intitled, "A supplement to the act, intitled, "An act concerning sheriffs," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred the petition and vouchers of Lazarus Wilmot, reported,

**T**HAT they have examined the facts set forth in said petition, and the evidence in support of the same, and are of opinion that said facts are true, and that the petitioner ought to have leave to present a bill on the third Wednesday of the next sitting of the Legislature, he advertising the purport of the bill he means to present in the public papers printed in New-Brunswick, at least four weeks previous thereto.

By order of the committee,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.

To which the house agreed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act for the more equal representation of the counties of Hunterdon, Burlington, Sussex, Cumberland and Cape-May in the General Assembly of this state," and after some time spent thereon, and having gone through the said bill,

*Ordered,* That the same be engrossed.

The house adjourned till Monday morning ten of the clock.

Monday, March 6, 1797.

The house met.

Mr. Cooper, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act concerning the furrogates in the several counties of this state," without amendment.

The house resumed the consideration of the resolution presented by Mr. Coxe on the 11th ultimo.

A motion was made by Mr. Coxe, seconded by Mr. Wade, to strike out, in the said resolution, after the words, "*Wherefore we do hereby*," the residue of the said resolution, and substitute, in lieu thereof, the following :

*Resolved*, That the people of this state whose names are included in the duplicates of the state taxes of the present year shall be, and they are hereby authorized and required, at the times and places appointed by law for holding the next annual elections for the state Legislature, respectively, to deliver in a paper ticket, on which shall be written, agreeably to the opinion of the voter, the words *revision* or *no revision* ; and the tickets so delivered in shall be examined, estimated, filed and returned by the officers conducting said elections to the clerks of the respective counties in this state, in the same manner as the votes of the members of the state Legislature ; and the clerks of the several counties in this state are hereby required and directed to transmit a return thereof to the secretary of the state within fifteen days thereafter, in order that the same may be laid before the Legislature immediately after their meeting in October next ; and should a majority of votes, so returned, be found in favor of a revision of the constitution, it is hereby recommended to the ensuing Legislature to fix a time and place for a meeting of a convention to be by them called, and to provide for the election and expenses of the said convention.

On the question, Whether the house agree to the said amendment ? It was carried in the negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Messrs. Burrowes,	Harris,	Stillwell,	VanDuyn,	Messrs. Biddle,
Bowen,	Moore,	Somers,	DeVroom,	Coxe,
Clement,	Morgan,	Southard,	Wallace,	Dayton,
Cobb,	Parret,	Speer,	Ward,	Wade,
M'Cullough,	Randolph,	Terhune,	Welsh,	W. Wikoff.
M'Dowell,	Sharps,	E. Townsend,	S. Wyckoff.	
French,	A. Smith,	R. Townsend,		
Hall,	P. Smith,	Vancleve,		

A motion was made to dismiss the said resolution, and the question being put, it was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Bowen,	Hall,	Stillwell,	VanDuyn,	Messrs. Biddle,
Burrowes,	Harris,	Somers,	DeVroom,	Coxe,
Clement,	Moore,	Southard,	Wallace,	Wade,
Cobb,	Parret,	Speer,	Ward,	W. Wikoff.
M'Cullough,	Randolph,	Terhune,	Welsh,	
Dayton,	Sharps,	E. Townsend,	S. Wyckoff.	
M'Dowell,	A. Smith,	R. Townsend,		
French,	P. Smith,	Vancleve,		



The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the more equal representation of the counties of Hunterdon, Burlington, Sussex, Cumberland and Cape-May, in the General Assembly of this state," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Messrs. Burrowes,	P. Smith,	DeVroom,	Messrs. Biddle,	Moore,
Cobb,	Stillwell,	Wade,	Bowen,	Parret,
M'Cullough,	Southard,	Ward,	Clement,	A. Smith,
Dayton,	Speer,	Welsh,	Coxe,	Somers,
M'Dowell,	Terhune,	S. Wyckoff,	French,	E. Townsend,
Morgan,	Vancleve,	W. Wikoff,	Hall,	R. Townsend,
Randolph,	VanDuyn,		Harris,	Wallace.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Benajah Parvin," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Messrs. Bowen,	Morgan,	Vancleve,	Messrs. Biddle,	E. Townsend,
Burrowes,	Randolph,	DeVroom,	Clement,	R. Townsend,
M'Cullough,	A. Smith,	Wade,	Cobb,	VanDuyn,
Dayton,	P. Smith,	Ward,	Coxe,	Wallace,
M'Dowell,	Stillwell,	S. Wyckoff,	French,	Welsh.
Hall,	Southard,	W. Wikoff,	Parret,	
Harris,	Speer,		Sharps,	
Moore,	Terhune,		Somers,	

*Ordered,* That the speaker do sign the said bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Coxe do carry the said bills to Council for concurrence.

Mr. Clement, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to empower the inhabitants of the townships of Gloucester and Deptford, in the county of Gloucester, to rebuild and keep in repair the upper bridge over Great-Timber-Creek ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned till three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act directing an election to be held in the county of Cape-May for choosing a sheriff and coroners," was read a third time ;

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. M'Cullough do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. M'Cullough reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

A petition from Peter Stryker, stating a demand against the state, and praying payment, was read and referred to the committee on incidental charges.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Biddle,	M'Dowell,	P. Smith,	Vancleve,	Messrs. Harris,
Bowen,	French,	Stillwell,	VanDuyn,	DeVroom,
Burrowes,	Hall,	Somers,	Wade,	Ward.
Clement,	Morgan,	Southard,	Wallace,	
Cobb,	Parret,	Speer,	Welsh,	
Coxe,	Randolph,	Terhune,	S. Wyckoff,	
M'Cullough,	Sharps,	E. Townsford,	W. Wikoff,	
Dayton,	A. Smith,	R. Townsford,		

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dayton do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, " A supplement to the act, intituled, " An act concerning sheriffs," and after having gone through the said bill,

*Ordered*, That the same be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, " A supplement to the act, intituled, " An act to empower the inhabitants of the townships of Gloucester and Deptford, in the county of Gloucester, to rebuild and keep in repair, the upper bridge over Great-Timber-Creek," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, " An act concerning the supreme and circuit courts," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The bill, intituled, " An act to authorize and empower Peter Wintermute and Jacob Savekool, administrators, &c. of Jacob Smith, deceased, to fulfil a certain contract and agreement made and entered into by the said Jacob Smith, relative to the sale of lands," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, " An act for making further compensation to constables for services in certain cases," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

*Tuesday, March 7, 1797.*

The house met.

Mr. Dayton reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Wade, from the committee to whom was referred the report of Mr. Burrowes, on the petitions from the stage proprietors and others, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, " An act to appoint commissioners to repair the post road, at the places therein mentioned;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act to authorize the recording certain deeds for lands lying in the river Delaware, heretofore acknowledged or proved according to



the laws of Pennsylvania," was read a second time, debated and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act directing bills of exceptions to be scaled," was read a third time ;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. McDowell do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act relating to hawkers, pedlars and petty-chapmen," was read a third time ;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. French do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act declaring the jurisdiction of the several counties in this state, which are divided by rivers, creeks, bays, highways or roads," was read a third time ;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Harris do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning the trial of murder in cases where the stroke and death happen in different counties, and in cases where either the stroke or death only happens within this state," was read a third time ;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morgan do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate the stockholders of the bridges over the rivers Passaick and Hackensack," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas	Nays.
Messrs. Biddle,	M'Dowell,	P. Smith,	Vancleve, Messrs.	Clement,
Bowen,	French,	Somers,	DeVroom,	Stillwell,
Burrowes,	Hall,	Southard,	Wade,	VanDuyn,
Cobb,	Parret,	Speer,	Ward,	Wallace.
Coxe,	Randolph,	Terhune,	Welsh,	
M'Cullough,	Sharps,	E. Townsend,	S. Wyckoff,	
Dayton,	A. Smith,	R. Townsend,	W. Wikoff.	

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Parret do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the recording certain deeds for lands lying in the river Delaware, heretofore acknowledged or proved according to the laws of Pennsylvania," was read a third time ;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Randolph do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house without amendment.

Messrs. M'Dowell, French, Harris, Morgan, Parret and Randolph, severally reported, that they had obeyed the orders of the house.

The bill, intituled, "An act to appoint commissioners to repair the post road at the places therein mentioned," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning stray cattle, horses and sheep," was read a second time, debated and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of creditors against heirs and devisees," was read a second time, debated and ordered a third reading.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled "An act for making further compensation to constables for services in certain cases ;"

On the question, Whether the house agree to the following paragraph in the second section, "That the constables aforesaid, shall be entitled to receive, in addition to the fees now allowed them by law, for every warrant, one shilling?" It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Messrs. Bowen,	Randolph,	VanDuyn,	Messrs. Biddle,	A. Smith,
Burrowes,	Sharps,	DeVroom,	Clement,	Somers,
Cobb,	P. Smith,	Wade,	Coxe,	Terhune,
M'Cullough,	Stillwell,	Welsh,	French,	E. Townsford,
Dayton,	Southard,	S. Wyckoff,	Hall,	R. Townsford,
M'Dowell,	Speer,	W. Wikoff.	Harris,	Wallace,
Morgan,	Vancleve,		Parret,	Ward.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to Messrs. Parret, M'Cullough and Vancleve.

Mr. Corson, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to increase the number of coroners in the counties of Monmouth, Gloucester, Hunterdon and Suffex," to which he requested the concurrence of this house ; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act declaring when the death of persons absenting themselves shall be presumed," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Bowen,	Harris,	Somers	DeVroom,	Messrs. Biddle,
Cobb,	Morgan,	Southard,	Wade,	Burrowes,
Coxe,	Parret,	Speer,	Wallace,	Clement.
M'Cullough,	Randolph,	Terhune,	Ward,	
Dayton,	Sharps	E. Townsford,	Welsh,	
M'Dowell,	A. Smith,	R. Townsford,	S. Wyckoff,	
French,	P. Smith,	Vancleve,	W. Wikoff.	
Hall,	Stillwell,	VanDuyn,		

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning stray cattle, horses and sheep," was read a third time ;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.



The bill, intituled, " An act for the relief of creditors against heirs and devisees," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Messrs. Biddle,	French,	Stillwell,	VanDuyn,	Mr. Harris.
Bowen,	Hall,	Somers,	DeVroom,	
Burrowes,	Morgan,	Southard,	Wade,	
Clement,	Parret,	Speer,	Wallace,	
Cobb,	Randolph,	Terhune,	Ward,	
Coxe,	Sharps,	E. Townsend,	Welsh,	
M'Cullough,	A. Smith,	R. Townsend,	S. Wyckoff,	
Dayton,	P. Smith,	Vancleve,	W. Wikoff.	
M'Dowell,				

*Ordered,* That the speaker do sign the said bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Hall do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the said bills have been passed by this house without amendment.

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Biddle, R. Townsend and Sharps, be a committee to receive from the sheriff of Burlington, a state of his demands for the maintenance of a state prisoner, and report thereon.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " An act to authorize Peter Wintermute and Jacob Savekool, administrators of Jacob Smith, deceased, to fulfil a certain contract made by the said Jacob Smith, in his life time, relative to the sale of lands," was read and compared ;

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " A supplement to the act, intituled, " An act to empower the inhabitants of the townships of Gloucester and Deptford, in the county of Gloucester, to re-build and keep in repair, the upper bridge over Great-Timber-Creek," was read and compared ;

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the speaker do sign the said bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Hall do carry the said bills to the Council for concurrence.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

*Wednesday, March 8, 1797.*

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " A supplement to the act, intituled " An act concerning sheriffs," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Biddle,	French,	P. Smith,	D'Vroom,	Messrs. M'Dowell,
Bowen,	Hall,	Stillwell,	Wade,	Terhune,
Burrowes,	Harris,	Somers,	Wallace,	VanDuyn,
Clement,	Morgan,	Southard,	Welsh,	Ward.
Cobb,	Parret,	Speer,	S. Wyckoff,	
Coxe,	Randolph,	E. Townsend,	W. Wikoff.	
M'Cullough,	Sharps,	R. Townsend,		
Dayton,	A. Smith,	Vancleve,		

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Sharps do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

Mr. Parret, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act for making further compensations to constables for services in certain cases," reported the same with sundry amendments; which bill was read, considered and ordered to be engrossed.

The report of Mr. Dayton of the 27th of February, ultimo, on the adjudication in favor of Elizabeth Henderson, late widow of Samuel Roberts, was read a second time, agreed to, and a warrant ordered.

The petitions from the county of Monmouth, praying that commissioners may be appointed by law, to examine the ground, and report to the Legislature the propriety of running a road from the court-house, in Monmouth, to the bay shore, as they may think proper, was read a second time;

*Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill on the second Tuesday in the next sitting of the Legislature, to answer the prayer of their petitions, the purport thereof being previously advertised in three of the most public places where the road is intended to be laid, at least fifteen days.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee of civil claims, reported on the petition of Keziah Hunt,

**T**HAT there is not any money in the treasury of the forfeited estates of Peter Barbarie and brothers, but as an act hath passed the Legislature this sitting, appointing an agent of forfeited estates in the county of Middlesex, and as it is suggested that monies are due the state, for property of the said Barbaries, sold by the late agent, and will probably be collected by the present agent, therefore, your committee recommend that the said petition, and papers accompanying the same, be referred to the next sitting of the Legislature.

The same committee, on the petition of Abraham Duryee, report, **T**HAT no vouchers accompany the petition to substantiate the claim therein contained, and that, in the opinion of your committee, the same ought to be referred to the next sitting of the Legislature.

By order of the committee,

JOSEPH STILLWELL.

To which the house agreed.

Mr. Lambert, from Council, returned the bill, intituled, "An additional supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for organizing and training the militia of this state," with sundry amendments made thereto by Council, to which he requested the concurrence of this house; which bill with the amendments were read, the amendments agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

A demand against the state from Henry Waddell, was presented;

On the question, Whether the house will allow the account of the applicant? It was carried in the negative.

Mr. Lambert, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, "An act relative to proceedings in the courts of law," to which he requested the concurrence of this house; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned till three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to compel joint-tenants and tenants in common to make partition, and for the more



easy obtaining partition of lands in co-parcenary, joint-tenancy and tenancy in common," and after having gone through the said bill,

*Ordered*, That the same be read a third time.

Mr. Kitchel, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Benajah Parvin," and the bill, intituled, "An act concerning the real estate of Samuel Witham Stockton, esquire, deceased," without amendment.

Mr. Beardflee, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act for the more equal representation of the counties of Hunterdon, Burlington, Suffex, Cumberland and Cape-May, in the General Assembly of this state;" without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act relative to proceedings in the courts of law," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning nine of the clock.

*Thursday, March 9, 1797.*

The house met.

Mr. Ward, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act for defraying incidental charges;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A warrant of half-pay, in favour of the heirs of Samuel Roberts, was read, approved and ordered to be signed.

*Ordered*, That Mr. A. Smith do carry the said warrant to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Ogden, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to prevent clerks of courts to appear as attornies or counsellors in the courts of which they are clerks;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to appoint commissioners to repair the post-road at the places therein mentioned," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be dismissed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act relative to proceedings in the courts of law," and after having gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time.

Mr. A. Smith reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intituled, "An act the better to promote the impartial administration of justice," with the amendments made thereto by Council, was read a second time, the amendments agreed to and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An additional supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for organizing and training the militia of this state," was read and compared;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Bowen,	M'Dowell,	Southard,	Wade,	Messrs. French,
Burrowes,	Morgan,	Speer,	Ward,	Parret,
Cobb,	Sharps,	Terhune,	Welsh,	A. Smith,
Coxe,	P. Smith,	Vancleve,	S. Wyckoff,	R. Townsend.
M'Cullough,	Stillwell,	VanDuyn,	W. Wikoff.	
Dayton,	Somers,	DeVroom,		

*Ordered,* That the speaker do sign the said bill.

*Ordered,* That Mr. P. Smith do carry the said bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house with their amendments.

The bill, intituled, "An act to compel joint-tenants and tenants in common to make partition, and for the more easy obtaining partition of lands in coparcenary, joint-tenancy and tenancy in common," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Biddle,	M'Dowell,	R. Townsend,	Messrs. Randolph,
Bowen,	French,	Vancleve,	Sharps,
Burrowes,	Morgan,	VanDuyn,	A. Smith,
Clement,	Parret,	Wade,	P. Smith,
Coxe,	Stillwell,	Wallace,	Somers,
M'Cullough,	Speer,	S. Wyckoff,	Ward,
Dayton,	Terhune,	W. Wikoff.	Welsh.

*Ordered,* That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. P. Smith do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Outwater, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act to authorize Peter Wintermute and Jacob Savekool, administrators of Jacob Smith, deceased, to fulfil a certain contract made by the said Jacob Smith in his life time, relative to the sale of lands," and the bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to empower the inhabitants of the townships of Gloucester and Deptford, in the county of Gloucester, to rebuild and keep in repair the upper bridge over Great Timber-Creek," without amendment.

Mr. Condit, from Council, informed the house that Council have concurred in the warrant in favour of the heirs of Samuel Roberts.

Mr. P. Smith reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

On motion,

*Resolved,* That the clerk of this house be directed to deliver a copy of a bill published for the consideration of the Congress of the United States, intituled, "A bill to provide for the assessment and collection of direct taxes," to the printer of the State Gazette, and request him to publish the same for the information of the good people of this state, and that the said printer add a note thereto requesting the other printers in the state to publish the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Somers do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Biddle, from the committee to whom was referred, the account of the sheriff of the county of Burlington, for supporting a state prisoner, reported, **T**HAT, in the opinion of your committee, provision ought to be made for making compensation to the sheriffs in the several counties of this state,



for furnishing necessaries and provision to prisoners confined under the act for the punishment of crimes.

By order of the committee,  
STACY BIDDLE.

*Ordered*, That the said report be read a second time.

The house adjourned till three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

*Resolved*, That one thousand seven hundred and fifty copies of the act, intituled, "An additional supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for organizing and training the militia of this state," be printed in duodécimo pamphlets, and sent to the several counties with the laws of this state, to be distributed among the military and staff officers, one to each, viz.

Bergen, 110—Essex, 170—Middlesex, 160—Monmouth, 180—Somerset, 160—Burlington, 130—Gloucester, 110—Salem, 84—Cape-May, 30—Hun-terdon, 180—Morris, 180—Cumberland, 80—Suffex, 176.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Somers do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Wade, from the committee to whom was referred, the bill, intituled, "An act concerning obligations, and to enable mutual dealers to discount," reported the same with sundry amendments, which was read and referred to the next sitting.

The resolution presented by Mr. Stillwell of the 3d instant, was read a second time and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Speer do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Speer reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Walton, from Council, returned the bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act concerning sheriffs," with sundry amendments made thereto, to which he requested the concurrence of this house; which bill, with the amendments, were read, the amendments agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Randolph, from Council, informed the house that Council have disagreed to the resolution directing the printers of this state to publish in their papers the bill reported for the consideration of Congress, intituled, "A bill to provide for the assessment and collection of direct taxes," and that the resolution for the printing 1750 copies of the additional supplement to the act for organizing and training the militia of this state, in a duodécimo pamphlet, and the resolution directing the secretary to report to the next Legislature the delinquent clerks of this state, and are agreed to by Council.

The bill, intituled, "An act relative to proceedings in the courts of law," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Messrs. Bowen,	M'Dowell,	Parret,	Stillwell,
Clement,	French,	Randolph,	Somers,
Cobb,	Moore,	Sharps,	Southard,
M'Cullough,	Morgan,	A. Smith,	Speer,

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Messrs. R. Townsend,	Messrs. Biddle,	Vancleve,
VanDuyn,	Burrowes,	Wade,
DeVroom,	Coxe,	Wallace,
Welsh,	Dayton,	Ward,
S. Wyckoff.	P. Smith,	W. Wikoff.
	Terhune,	

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Terhune do wait on the Council and inform them, that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act the better to promote the impartial administration of justice," was read and compared.

*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. R. Townsend do carry the said bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house with their amendments.

Mr. Black, from Council, informed the house that Council have rejected the bill, intituled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States.

The bill, intituled, "An act to increase the number of coroners in the counties of Monmouth, Gloucester, Hunterdon and Suffex," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the first section do pass? It was carried in the negative.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be dismissed, and that Mr. Vancleve do wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith.

The bill, intituled, "An act, supplementary to an act for the punishment of crimes," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act for defraying fundry incidental charges," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning eight of the clock.

*Friday, March 10, 1797.*

The house met.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the clerk of this house be directed to purchase for the Legislature, the works of John Howard, containing the history of prisons.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act concerning sheriffs," was read and compared;

*Resolved* That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. VanDuyn do carry the said bill to the Council and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house with their amendments.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the speaker do inform judge Paterfon, that the Legislature are very desirous of having the compilation of the laws of this state completed as soon as may be, and request information from him, when it is probable that



the work will be finished, and that he would report to the Legislature at their next sitting.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the commander in chief of the state, be requested to furnish the Legislature at their next sitting, with a return of the names of the officers of the cavalry and artillery, their respective ranks and dates of their commissions.

*Ordered*, That Mr. DeVroom do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for defraying incidental charges," was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Stillwell do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act, supplementary to the act, intituled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ward do carry the said bill to the council for concurrence.

Mr. Stillwell reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

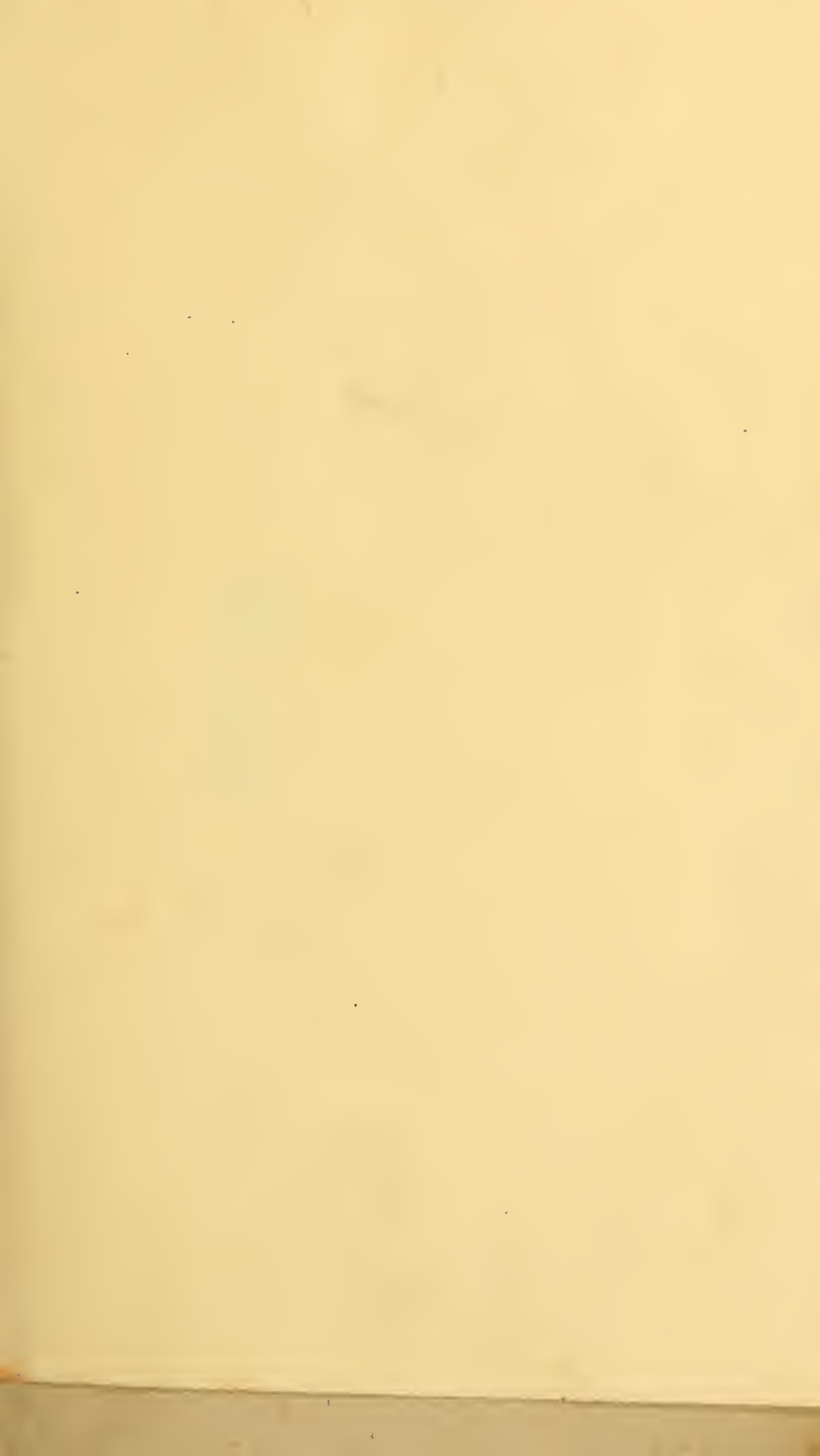
Mr. Cooper, from Council, informed the house, that Council have concurred in the resolution requesting the governor to furnish the next Legislature with a return of the cavalry officers and artillery.

Mr. Ward reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Lambert, from Council, informed the house, that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act for defraying incidental charges," and the bill, intituled, "An act supplementary to the act, intituled, "An act for the punishment of crimes."

The house rose without day.

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Law Vote or Proceeding which shall be  
Injurious to the  
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